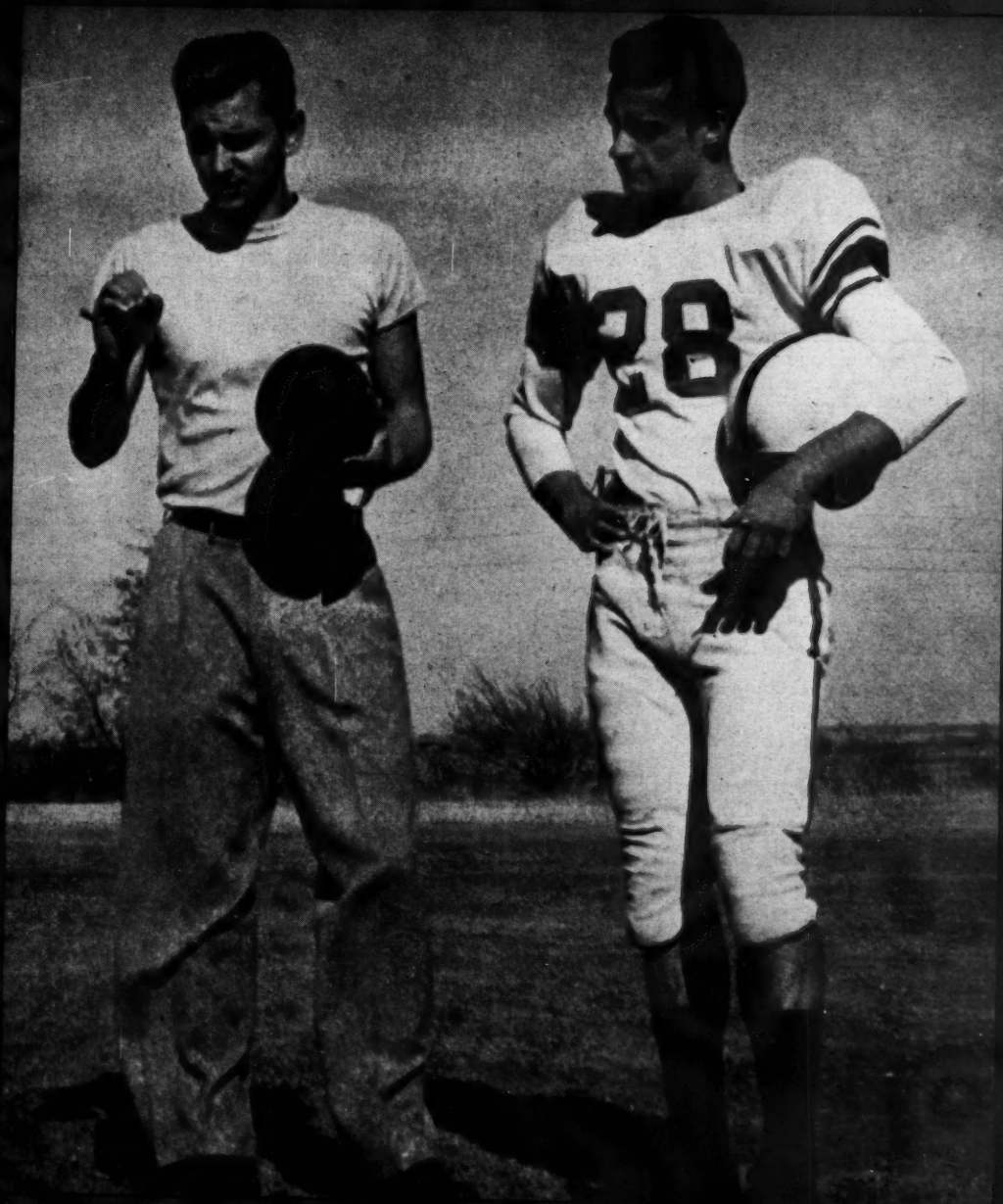


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The Editor's Page

Day Schools

The past few months have seen turmoil over the subject of day schools, or day classes, in widely separated points.

The Indiana legislature again considered the question of establishing day classes for deaf pupils in the different cities of the state, but the bill has died in committee.

Two years ago a similar bill was proposed in Indiana, but vigorous action on the part of the Indiana Association of the Deaf, with the help of the N.A.D., prevented adoption of the bill. The sponsors of the bill spent the greater part of the year gathering their forces for a new attempt, but the alert president of the I.A.D., Clive D. Breedlove, was right on top of their every move. He consulted with the N.A.D. office again, and with legislators, parents, and everyone else who could be of help in opposing the bill. Letters were published in the newspapers from parents of deaf pupils, from the I.A.D., and from deaf persons, all in opposition to the bill.

So the deaf of Indiana can breathe easily for another year, thankful that their state is spared the monstrosity of day classes for at least another year. They can also feel thankful that they have as president of the I.A.D. a man who is alert to conditions and able to combat those which are unfavorable. The I.A.D. is to be congratulated.

We do not know what other state legislatures may be considering bills pertaining to the establishment of day schools, but the faddists responsible will never cease their efforts to destroy the system of education it has taken more than a century to build. Deaf leaders everywhere should keep a watchful eye on their state legislatures and be prepared to fight harmful legislation. The N.A.D. is ready to give all possible help.

Now we come to the other day school ruckus. A teacher in a class of deaf children in the public school system in Sacramento, California, has been accused by parents and others of using cruel treatment in her efforts to command the pupils' attention. She was charged with pulling hair, tying pupils to chairs, dousing them with cold water, and other such extreme disciplinary measures.

The charges were investigated by a commission from the Sacramento Teachers Association and the teacher was cleared. The commission reported that such measures were accepted techniques in the teaching of the deaf, and

local school authorities seemed to have accepted the report of the commission. Parents and local deaf persons, however, were not satisfied with this and appealed to state authorities. At the time of this writing the investigation was still going on.

The above paragraph brings out one fact about day classes which we have mentioned time and again as one of the leading arguments against small day classes for the deaf. This is the fact that public school officials are not qualified to supervise instruction of the deaf, and that teachers in these classes frequently are not qualified to teach the deaf. When public school officials sanction such disciplinary measures as tying pupils to chairs, splashing them with cold water, and pulling their hair, those authorities simply do not know what they are doing. The sooner the deaf children are placed under qualified educators of the deaf, the better will be their chance for an adequate education. The only schools maintaining proper facilities for educating the deaf, and properly qualified personnel, are the state residential schools.

Footballers

Last month, as is customary in February, THE SILENT WORKER published Sports Editor Art Kruger's annual football story and his selection of the outstanding school football players of the nation. Our cover picture was to have featured football, but, due to changes made in the layout just before going to press, it was necessary to omit this picture. Since it is a good picture of two good young deaf Americans, we are printing it on our cover this month.

The picture shows Kenneth Norton, coach of the undefeated Oklahoma School for the Deaf football team, and halfback Clyde Clark (right). Clark, a senior, leaves Oklahoma School with a scoring record of 331 points during his three years of football competition.

Publicity for Gallaudet

Drew Pearson, famous writer and broadcaster, recently paid tribute to Gallaudet College and its staff over WMAL (Washington, D.C.) and ABC network, as follows:

"Now, to salute those working to make democracy live . . . GALLAUDET COLLEGE, the only college for the deaf in the world. It's not content with teaching the deaf of this country, but has brought in deaf students from other nations. These are just a few of the many people in this country who are

really working at the difficult job of winning the peace and making democracy live."

His remarks must have been heard by millions, thousands of whom had never before heard of Gallaudet College. We need more publicity, not only about the college, but about the deaf in general, and such remarks by prominent men help clear the way.

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STAN

By Bernard Teitelbaum

CURRENT PRESIDENT of the Midland, Pa., branch of the Master Barber Association is Constantine Stanley Muslovski. As such, it is Stan's job to keep all members in line with the policies of the branch, no mean trick even though Mid-



B. TEITELBAUM

land is a small town and the number of operating barber shops is insignificant. Hard-headed individualistic barbers, mostly of foreign parentage, have fixed ideas of their own, often opposed to those of the majority and it requires all of Stan's tact and ingenuity to prevent "kicking over the traces."

Midland has been Stan's home all his life. He has a "hailing" acquaintance with practically everyone there. He was born there Jan. 15, 1915, scarcely three blocks from where he now lives. His parents still occupy the house in which he was born.

One day when Stan was just 18 months old, he was pedaling a tricycle across the street directly in front of his home. A truck under poor control struck little Stan and threw him off. His head struck the curb. Stan was unconscious for several days following the accident.

The accident resulted in a serious brain concussion. It left Stan almost totally deaf (a small amount of residual hearing remained in his left ear,) and he temporarily lost the power of speech. He indicated his wants by pointing and by natural gestures.

Stan has no clear recollection of events to the age of 10.

At the age of 6, Stan's mother enrolled him in the local public school where he was unable to progress satisfactorily because of his impaired hearing.

One recitation Stan does remember well. It was a reading lesson and the teacher was using flash cards, each containing one word.

"CAT" was flashed and the little boy on the side of Stan's good ear sang it out loud and clear. Stan was next and he was flashed "DOG." Remembering the response of the little boy next to him, Stan responded enthusiastically with "CAT."

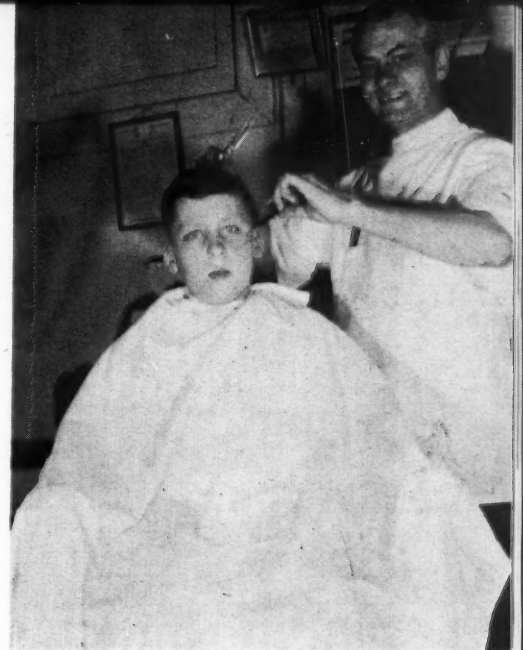
At the age of 10, Stan was taken to the Fourth Street Public School, where special speech classes were conducted. He was good only at arithmetic—nothing else.

Here is the story of a deaf man who has made more than ordinary success of an occupation somewhat unusual among the deaf. Stan Muslovski is not only a successful barber, but also an official in an association of barbers. The accompanying article by Bernard Teitelbaum is one of several he has written on interesting Pennsylvanians. Writers elsewhere are invited to send in articles about successful deaf persons in other states.
—Ed.

One of his teachers at this school, a Miss Mary Hogan, realizing the fact of his disability, urged his parents to send him to the DePaul Institute for the Deaf in Pittsburgh, Penna., where she pointed out that he would make better progress in a school for children of his own kind. Unreasoning fear that he would be too far from home and would be homesick influenced them against the idea.

However, an aunt, a well-educated woman with a better perspective on life, added her arguments to those of Miss Hogan's. This aunt pointed out to the parents very convincingly that they spoke a foreign language, Lithuanian, which the little deaf child would never pick up and, having no language whatsoever, his education would be at a standstill. At DePaul, Stan at least would be taught English.

Stan was enrolled at DePaul in 1928 at the age of 13 and was started in Grade 3. He recalls that when first called by name, he failed to hear the teacher and consequently did not respond. His teacher patiently urged him then and time and again to be alert for



Stan at work in his barber shop. The customer is the author's son.

the sound "Stan" and to respond to it. She raised her voice somewhat in order that he might hear her.

Stan's first education at DePaul was religious and concerned God. At first Stan failed to grasp the meaning of God, a very abstract subject for a very young child. However, his interest was fired and he asked endless questions on the subject.

When finally he grasped the meaning of the Deity, he became deeply imbued with the existence of God — a conviction that exists to this day — and attended daily Mass.

Prior to attending DePaul Stan would attend church services only under compulsion or upon bribery with sweets. After the instruction and enlightenment at DePaul, he attended Masses without compulsion or bribery. Stan takes pride in the fact that he has missed only four Sunday Masses in the last 24 years. His faith in God is still unwavering and he



Stan and his family today.



Stan in 1934 with his parents

has a firm conviction that the faithful are well rewarded.

In addition to religion, Stan received instruction in reading, arithmetic and language. The mental fog resulting from the tricycle accident had cleared up before Stan entered DePaul and his education now progressed satisfactorily. Arithmetic with its fascinating manipulation of figures, and history with its tales of old were Stan's favorite subjects.

Stan also received training in carpentry and in art. Of the two, art had the greater appeal for Stan and he concentrated on it. He developed great proficiency in art and his work contained sufficient merit to be selected for entry in art contests conducted locally, open to all public and parochial school children. All drawings entered in the contest were exhibited in one of the larger department stores in Pittsburgh. Stan won blue ribbons with his entries.

Stan remained at DePaul nine years. There were times when he was discouraged with the progress of his education and considered withdrawal. However, the importance of a diploma to his after-school life was emphatically stressed and he was persuaded to remain to finish his schooling.

When he did not go home week ends, Stan did the usual chores around the school, mainly cleaning up.

Saturday was "Hair Cut Day." The school gardener also served as school barber. His specialty was the crew haircut and this he gave to all quite impartially. Sideburns was then the rage among young manhood. The gardener-barber declined to cater to the whims of the boys and they were very unhappy about it.

Stan had his hair cut at home by his father, who pleased him mightily by trimming his hair in the fashion of the

day. This exhilarating experience set Stan to thinking.

Back at DePaul, he asked one of the Sisters for permission to do the hair cutting, and as a favor was given a trial. He developed such dexterity at hair cutting that he decided to enter a barbering school.

On July 15, 1935, he registered for the three-months course at the Ideal Barber college in Pittsburgh. It was necessary to get special permission from DePaul to complete the course since it extended beyond the opening date of school in September. This permission was promptly given by Sister Bernadette, then Superintendent, upon Stan's promise to return to DePaul at the conclusion of the course.

Saturdays on his week ends home Stan worked at barbering and states that he earned just enough to pay his bus fare back and forth to Pittsburgh and DePaul.

Stan states that he had no favorites among the teachers at DePaul. All treated him uniformly well. One, however, stands out in his memory. She was Sister Emmanuel, now deceased. She was stricter than the others and inspired respect and harder work. More than anyone else, she made Stan concentrate on his studies.

Stan graduated from DePaul with honors in June, 1937 and has always been grateful that he did not obey the urge to withdraw earlier.

Stan immediately went to work for the barber who had given him work on Saturdays during the School year. He planned to save up enough to go to night art school in Midland. He discovered upon inquiry that no art classes were conducted in Midland and that it would be necessary to go to Pittsburgh to enroll in such a class. Lack of time and the high cost of commuting precluded Stan's enrolling immediately in Pittsburgh. He decided to save up what he could to enable him to achieve this objective at a not too distant time. Events were to frustrate this hope and to limit art as a hobby.

Stan served as a student apprentice in the barber shop in Midland for 21 months to qualify for a license. The requirement of two years experience at barbering was met by including the three months spent at the barbering college in Pittsburgh. 2,500 hours of barbering experience was required before one could take the licensure examinations.

These examinations were rather tough, involving technical terms of practically all parts of the body affected by haircutting—the bones of the head, the digestive system, the various types of body cells, the nervous system, the blood and the skin. Many candidates with normal

hearing flunked out but Stan passed without trouble and received his first license on December 16, 1937.

For the experience, Stan remained with his original employer for ten years. He also served as janitor—he swept and mopped the floor and washed the windows. The pay was pitifully small (This barber recently retired and moved to California with a neat nest egg accumulated over the years, including the time he was underpaying Stan.)

Repeatedly during his first five years as a master barber, Stan's following urged him to set up his own shop. Fearing failure, Stan hesitated for a long time to strike out upon an unknown venture. He elected to wait until he had saved up more money and had worked up a much larger following.

At a New Year's Social Stan met Elise Sawyer, a Georgia Peach who was to share his life with him. Largely influenced by her encouragements that he strike out for himself, Stan gave the matter serious thought.

He had by then saved up enough to purchase the equipment of a barber entering the Armed Service. This equipment was then stored in the home of the seller. A two-month wait was necessary before a suitable shop became available—one vacated by a tailor. This shop was located right in the heart of the Midland business section and hard by the shop of his employer. It was one of the best spots in town in which to do business.

Somehow Stan's employer got wind of his plans and frustrated him by putting a deposit on the place to set up his own son-in-law (a little business transaction unknown to Stan) This was a bitter lesson for Stan, one he did not forget too soon.

This disaster occurred on a Monday afternoon. Events then moved fast for Stan. By common agreement, shops were then closed on Wednesdays. The Wednesday following this catastrophe was dismal and rainy. Stan nevertheless made use of it to investigate another lead he had been given—a vacant store directly across the street from his present location. Satisfied with the prospects of the place, Stan put a deposit on it, although the owner strongly suggested that it would be unnecessary. Stan had learned his lesson!

Preparations were made to move in immediately, just three days before Easter, 1945, as Stan wished to take advantage of the usually heavy Easter trade. This move proved to be a wise one—business was so brisk Stan scarcely had time for lunch or supper those three days. This augured well for Stan and assured his future.

Business continued good and reached the point where Stan felt he could take time off to get married—which he did

on July 9, 1945. Stan and Elise took their vows at the DePaul School, Stan's Alma Mater.

Midland is essentially a steel manufacturing town and, except for periods of strikes, business has been consistently good for Stan. He now operates directly across the street from his original establishment. In 1950 he purchased the building.

At times business made a helper imperative and Stan hired a deaf man apprenticed to him by the State Rehabilitation Bureau. He has also had two regular hearing barbers, at different times. But most of his clients preferred to wait for Stan's personal service, thus causing dissatisfaction in the other barbers who worked on a percentage basis.

Since becoming a proprietor, Stan's hearing has improved considerably. Realizing the paramount importance of hearing, Stan has very carefully trained what he has. He has a portable radio set up on his barber's cabinet, ostensibly for the benefit of clientele but actually to provide training for his own impaired hearing. He can, however, talk with patrons only when facing them.

Stan is a non-resident member of Wilkinsburg Division No. 109 of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf and also a member of the Beaver Valley Association of the Deaf, which he served a year as Program Chairman. Since meetings of the B. V. A. D. are usually held on Saturdays, Stan's busiest day of the week, it has been virtually impossible for him to be present.

For diversion, Stan putters around the house. He has done all the interior painting and has even sanded and refinished the floors, doing a truly professional job. Occasionally, he dabbles in art.

Stan manages to attend an occasional social of the club. He makes it a point to attend as many picnics as he can during the summer months since they are usually held on Sundays.

One disadvantage of proprietorship Stan has discovered: he cannot leave on extended vacations with the same carefree ease as can non-proprietors.

Stan and Elise have three daughters: Mary Ann, now 6 years old; Sarah Catherine, 4 years old and Patricia Jane, 1 year old.

Like a good father, Stan wants a boy to help out in the shop. Elise assures him the girls will—with a beauty parlor. Already each of the older girls has had some "training." To the dismay of the parents, they have taken turns cutting each others hair and each has at one time or other "trimmed" her own hair.

Stan sports a 1949 Pontiac 2 door Sedan Coupe (which Elise has learned to drive.) He has driven 12 years without mishap, a record of which he is understandably proud.

QUESTIONS AND OPINIONS

on

Parliamentary Procedure

By Edwin M. Hazel

Qualified Parliamentarian Member, the National Association of Parliamentarians and the Chicago Association of Parliamentarians



(Series No. 1 — Continued)

Question No. 11—We would like to know what a majority is. Please explain.

(b) What vote does it require to adopt a new subject (resolution or motion)?

(c) Must all members who are present at a meeting vote?

(d) Suppose there are 150 members present, but only 70 votes are cast, what about those who do not vote?

(e) Has a Chair (presiding officer) a right to demand that every member vote?

Answer—(a) A majority is any number more than one-half, such as a majority of the members present; a majority of the entire membership of an organization as may be specified in the by-laws. In the absence of a special rule, a majority vote means a majority of the votes cast, whatever the number of votes that are cast. For instance, if 50 votes are cast, a majority is 26; of 21 votes, a majority is 11.

(b) A majority vote, except in a few cases. That is, amendments to the constitution and by-laws require a two-thirds (2/3) vote (two-thirds of all votes cast) unless otherwise expressly specified in the Constitution and By-Laws of an organization.

(c) No.

(d) They are not considered in the voting result at all. It is the majority of those voting that carries a motion, not of those present at the meeting. In this instance, the majority of 70 votes cast is any number over 35.

(e) No, even though only one vote is cast, one for and none against means that a motion is passed by a majority of one. Unless there is some misunderstanding among the members, the Chair may call on the assemblage to vote again. However, it is the duty of every member to vote as a matter of courtesy.

(Series No. 2)

Question No. 1—Can you tell us the causes of failure among organizations?

Answer—There are many causes — chief of which are as follows:

(1) Lack of understanding the value of fundamental principles of parliamentary law. Parliamentary law is, in a sense, really the rules of the game of democracy, comparable to the technical rules of various games such as baseball, basketball, cards and many others. A meeting without rules

to guide us is just like a ship without a compass. The enforcement of parliamentary rules is absolutely necessary to insure fairness, equality, harmony and fraternal spirit among the members. Not only this, but it also protects the rights of the assembly (organization); the rights of members; and the rights of the minority.

- (2) Lack of enforcement of the rules of an organization.
- (3) Lack of decorum (politeness) in debate — raw, tactless, discourteous, offending or insulting language, which are not permissible at deliberative assemblies.
- (4) Unfair discrimination because of religion, politics and race.

Question No. 2—Please tell us the duties and rights of members.

Answer—For the sake of harmony, accuracy in business, economy of time, order, uniformity and impartiality, you should always:

- (1) Be loyal to officers whether or not you may like them personally.
- (2) Help in the maintenance of order.
- (3) Maintain a respectful silence in the course of debate or a speech.
- (4) Avoid expressing any impatience or disapproval.
- (5) Stand by the will or decision of the assembly whether you approve its action or not.
- (6) Serve the assembly as a matter of courtesy as it may direct you, though you cannot be forced to serve if you decline.
- (7) Confine your debate to the question (resolution or motion) before the assembly—stick to your point in debate or discussion.
- (8) Remember that you cannot debate twice on the same question until everyone has had a chance, but if no one claims the floor you may speak again. Also, remember that you cannot speak longer than ten minutes on the same question unless it is permitted by the assembly. In other words, the time limit is ten (10) minutes per speech, and two speeches per member, or a total of twenty (20) minutes for (two speeches) per member. However, the time limit may be extended by a 2/3 vote. (This motion to extend is undebatable.)

Schools for the Deaf

R. K. Holcomb

California School for the Deaf at Riverside THE NEWEST SCHOOL

A BRAND NEW SCHOOL for the deaf opened its doors on February 9 when the California School for the Deaf at Riverside, in the southern part of the state, began what Dr. Herbert R. Stolz, chief of the State Division of Special Schools, termed "A new epoch in the education of deaf children in California".

The new school, which has been under construction for the past two or three years, became a necessity with the influx of new citizens in the state during the war years, and fulfills a prediction made even before the war by Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson, Superintendent of the California School at Berkeley, that the state would eventually need a school in the southern part of the state.

Built at a cost of \$400,000, the Riverside school is to be fully equipped for the accommodation of all grade levels, including vocational training, comparing favorably with any such school in the United States.

At present, only some fifty pupils are enrolled, all in the lower school. Miss Grace Paxson, a former teacher in the Nebraska School for the Deaf and the California School at Berkeley, is supervising teacher of the lower grades. In the fall of 1953, all departments in the school will open, providing instruction for all grades. It will then have around 250 pupils.

The lower school faculty which assumed classroom duties when the school opened is comprised of experienced teachers. Those reporting for the opening were: Mrs. Doris DeLong, who has taught in schools for the deaf in Michigan, Florida, and Arizona; Mrs. Virginia K. Fletcher, who formerly taught in South Dakota, Indiana, and new Mexico; Miss Antonio Scheringer and her sister, Mrs. Anne Hritz, from the Minnesota School; Miss Helen Ann Toner, who taught in special classes for the deaf in New Jersey and California; Mrs. Ona R. Howell, with past experience in a number of schools; and Mrs. Mabel N. Finnell, who lives in Covina, California, and formerly taught in the Kansas School as well as in a number of day schools. She is a daughter of deaf parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Northern of Denver, Colorado.

When the Riverside School opens next fall, the academic department will be under the direction of a well-known educator of the deaf, Armin G. Turechek, who has been appointed principal. Mr. Turechek is at present principal of the Central New York School for the Deaf at Rome, New York, a position he has held since 1947. He is a graduate of Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., and took training to teach the deaf at the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis and Gallaudet College. Before



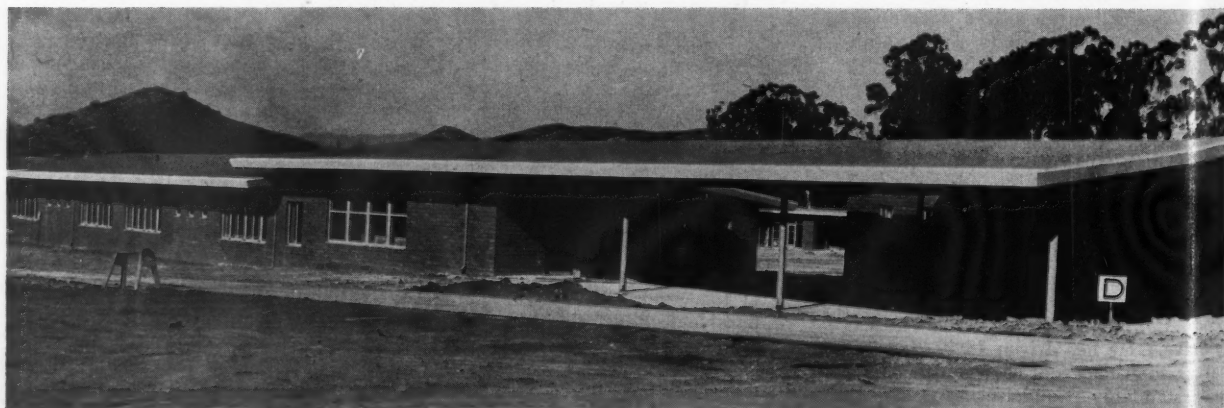
Dr. Richard G. Brill, superintendent of the Riverside school, in his new office. Dr. Brill, a widely respected educator, came to Riverside from the University of Illinois, where he was professor of education. He had previously been connected with a number of schools for the deaf. Dr. Brill's wife, Ruth Annabel, is a native of California. They have two children.

going to New York, he taught in the Indiana and Kentucky schools for the deaf, and he spent two years in the Army. While in the service, he was engaged in rehabilitation work with deafened soldiers at Borden General Hospital in Oklahoma. Mr. Turechek will take over his duties at Riverside in July.

Dr. Richard G. Brill, superintendent of the new School, has been at Riverside two years, helping supervise construction, rounding up his staff, and attending to countless other duties preparatory to the opening of the school.

Dr. Brill is widely known in the field of education of the deaf. He was "born in a school house", his father, Tobias

Here is one of the dormitories at the Riverside School, and through the passageway can be seen windows of a classroom. The first room to the left of the porch is a playroom. The new school has not yet accumulated a file of photographs of its buildings and, in fact, some are not yet completed. All photos on these pages were loaned to the SILENT WORKER by the Riverside Press, and much of the material for the article was gathered from the special edition of the Press.



Brill, having been principal of the Mystic, Conn., school at the time of Richard's birth. The elder Brill was later principal of the Nebraska and the New Jersey schools. Dr. Brill received the Doctor of Education degree at Rutgers University, and he has degrees from Gallaudet College, where he took training to teach the deaf, and from the University of California. He began his career as a teacher in the California School at Berkeley, leaving there in 1941 to become principal of the Virginia School for the Deaf. Later he became principal of the Newark, N. J., day school, and at the time he received the appointment to head the Riverside school he was professor of education at the University of Illinois. During the war he served in the Navy and was in command of a submarine chaser in the Pacific, taking part in numerous invasions.

Dr. Brill holds numerous offices in professional organizations, and he was formerly editor of the education department of *THE SILENT WORKER*.

Some of the aims of the new California School have been described by Dr. Brill in an article in the *Riverside Daily Press*, which commemorated the opening of the school on February 9 with a twelve-page supplement describing the school. Part of the article is quoted here:

"The California School for the Deaf at Berkeley has been accepting children from the entire state. The California School for the Deaf at Riverside will draw its pupils from all of the eight southern counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, Orange, San Diego, and Imperial. In addition, it will take some children from the eastern parts of Kern and Inyo counties.

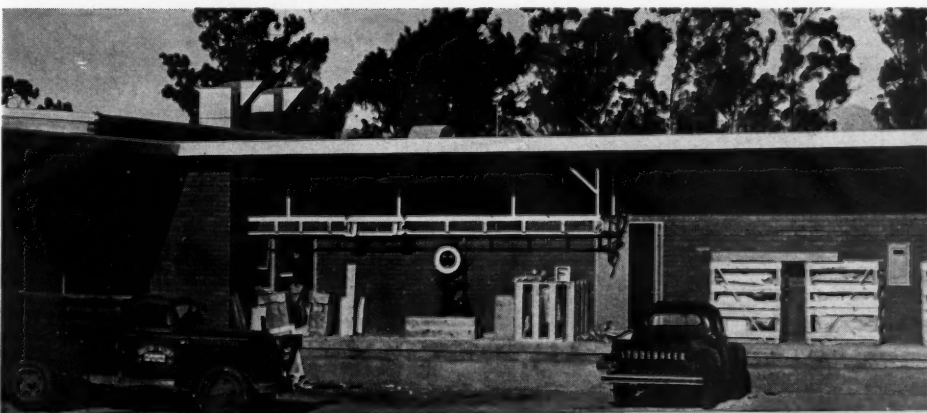
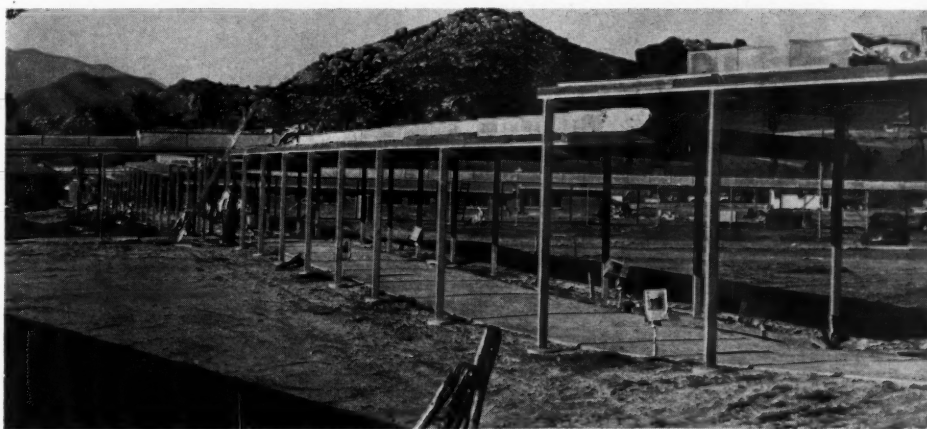
"No children are being transferred from the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley to the California School for the Deaf at Riverside this February. In September, 1953, those children who are 14 years of age or younger and who have been attending the California School for the Deaf at Berkeley and who live in the counties which are to be served by the Riverside School, will be transferred.

It is expected that approximately 75

children will transfer from the School for the Deaf at Berkeley at that time. The older children from the southern part of the state who have been attending the School at Berkeley will continue there until they graduate. The School at Berkeley still has such a long waiting list that it will immediately fill the places that are left vacant by the 75 children who transfer to Riverside.

"Some deaf children come to the California School for the Deaf at Riverside from communities that provide special education for deaf children as part of their public school system. The reason for this is that as the deaf children grow older, there are certain services that can be provided by the residential school which cannot be provided by the public day school class.

"One of these is the specialized vocational training which will be provided



At the right are scenes at the California School at Riverside. At top is one of the covered arcades which feature the campus. Just below it is another arcade. These arcades are covered with sheet steel and provide pupils and staff members shade from the summer sun and protection from the winter's rains. Next is the supply ramp where supplies for the kitchen are unloaded. Sides of meat slide along the rail into the butcher room at the left. Bottom photo shows a counter in the cafeteria. Regular meals are served at tables and the cafeteria is a supplementary service.



by the school at Riverside. Most day school classes are limited to the elementary grades. Vocational training is never provided in elementary schools and thus a deaf child is unable to get vocational training generally in a local public school system. Because of the handicap of deafness, there are generally at least two and sometimes three and four years of educational retardation.

"This means that deaf children are likely to be from two to four years older than other children in the same grade level. As a result, when deaf children become older they may develop certain psychological and social problems if they must attend a school where most of the other children are younger than they.

"By coming to the residential school for the deaf they are associating with

other deaf children who have the same handicap that they have and, as a result, no one feels particularly discriminated against, or feels that he is being segregated from the group because of his particular handicap.

"Also, as these children become older they, of course, are interested in social gatherings such as dances and parties where all of the children have the opportunities to attend and to have a good time.

"Deaf children can do as well in athletics as normal hearing children. However, unless a deaf boy is an exceptionally fine athlete, he has great difficulty in making a high school team because the other boys on the team sometimes cannot communicate with him easily and the coach likewise has difficulty in this communication factor.

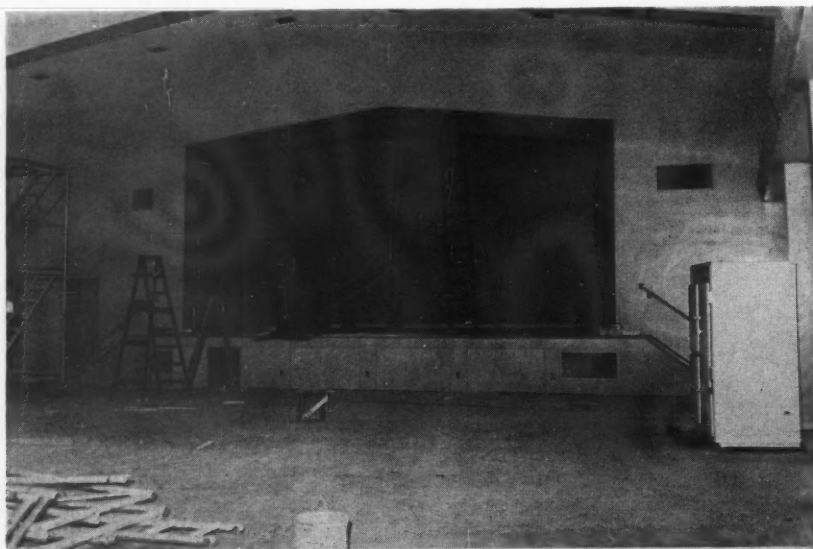
"In a school for the deaf, a boy can compete for his school team against other boys with the same handicap and be coached by an individual who can communicate with him easily. As a result, he is able to do his best and the group effort results in very creditable athletic teams. These teams will compete with other teams from smaller secondary schools in the immediate area.

"Although vocational training will be provided for all of the older children who attend the school, the academic program will enable those who can go that far to take the entrance examinations for Gallaudet College. This college is the only college for the deaf in the world and is located in Washington, D. C. . . ."

The Riverside school did not spring up overnight, or even in the two or three years required in the actual construction. Before construction began, the efforts of many people were contributed to secure the necessary legislative measures for the establishment of the school. In the forefront were the deaf of the southern part of the state, and, later, the California Association of the deaf.

According to an article in *The Riverside Press* by Mrs. Willa K. Dudley, who was chairman of the C.A.D. Education Committee, efforts to secure the establishment of the new school were launched when a committee headed by the late Perry E. Seely met in November, 1945, and recommended that the state be asked to build a new school. Their chief reasons for desiring a school

The Riverside campus is lighted by modernistic lights like the one at the top, left. These lights line the walks. They are hip high. In the center is a view of the stage in the school social building. Seats stored under the stage will be used for entertainments, and student dances and parties will take place in this room. Off to the left is a snack bar. Bottom, one of the dormitory playrooms.



in southern California were that the school at Berkeley was overcrowded and too far away.

The bill asking for the school was offered in the state legislature by Assemblyman Elwyn Bennett, was finally adopted, and was signed by Governor Earl Warren in March, 1946. After a study of a number of locations, the Riverside site was chosen and purchased by the state.

Upon the opening of the school Dr. Brill received the felicitations of educators and other interested individuals and organizations from all over the United States. Dr. Elwood A. Stevenson, Superintendent of the California School at Berkeley, wrote:

"The rapid growth and the expansive size of the State make it absolutely necessary to make this provision for the deaf youth of Southern California. With this added function the State will be better able to answer the demands and requirements of all deaf children residing in California. Everything points toward great success in this most worthwhile undertaking . . . Dr. Richard G. Brill, the first superintendent of the new school, comes well qualified to his new post. His varied background and his broad experience in this special field will result in a strong and constructive administration and in effective leadership. The school and the children will fare well under his guidance. . ."

Dr. Daniel T. Cloud, president of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf and superintendent of the New York School for the Deaf at White Plains, New York, wrote Dr. Brill as follows:

"The members of the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf join me in extending heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the State of California upon the occasion of the opening of the new residential school in Riverside.

"We are indeed happy to welcome you and the new school into our field of service — dedicated to the general object of 'promotion of the education of the deaf on the broadest, most advanced, and practical lines.'

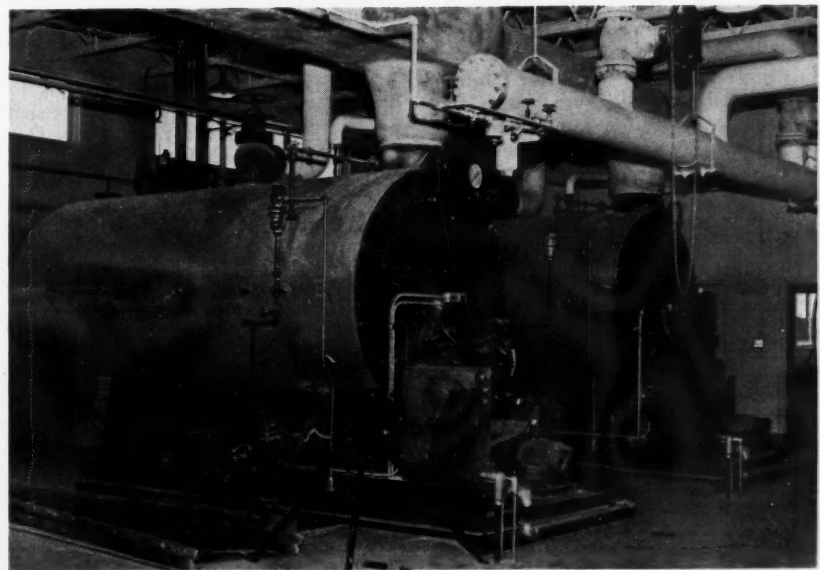
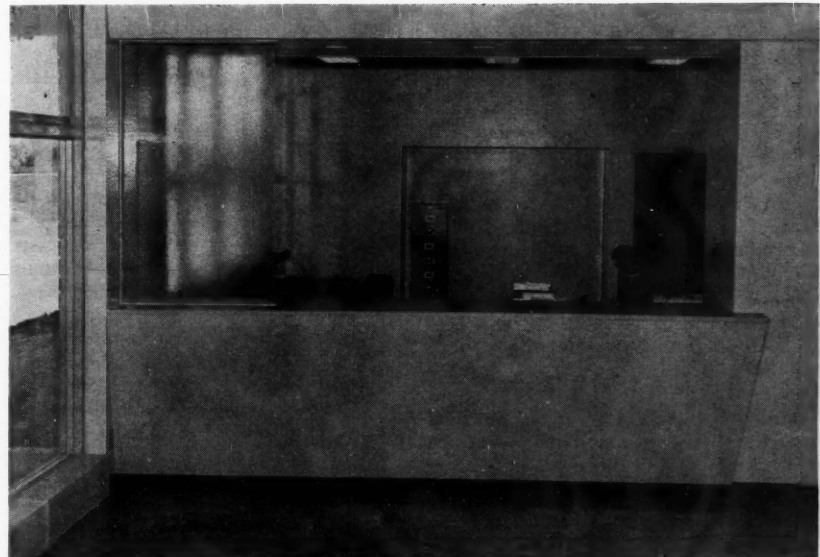
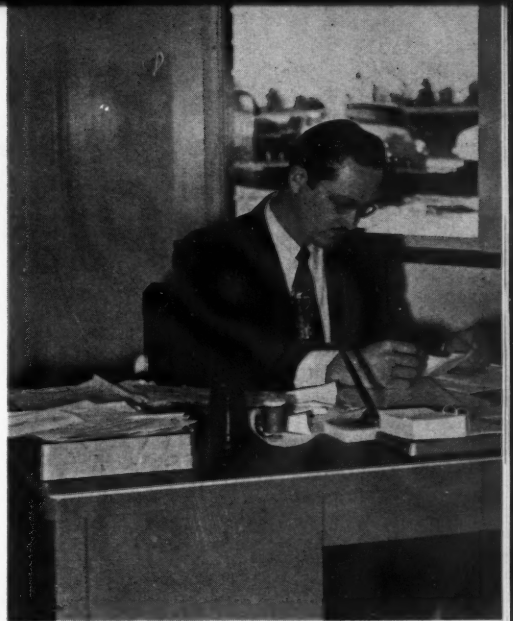
"Under your fine leadership, we shall be looking forward to the great contributions you and your colleagues will soon be making to our field."

A statement from Dr. Leonard M. Elstad, President of Gallaudet College, read in part as follows:

Business Manager at the Riverside School is Walter Laputz, shown at top, right. Next is a view of the reception desk in the administration building. At bottom is the boiler room in the power plant. The boilers supply heat for the 14 buildings and steam for the kitchen. They can use natural gas or fuel oil.

"It is certainly an unusual occasion in this day and age when an additional large, new school for the deaf is established. It is a fine accomplishment for the great state of California. This school has been greatly needed. Today we pride ourselves that an education is available to all deaf children. That has hardly been possible in California, however, due to the rapid growth in population. The need is certainly being taken care of in a handsome manner now.

"California has always been well represented at Gallaudet College. Outstanding students have come to us year after year and have always measured up well in their college work. We are looking forward to the time when we shall have graduates of the Riverside School here at Gallaudet College also."



The Educational Front and Parents' Department

By W. T. Griffing, Editor

As we write this, our grand old country has started out under a new leader, Dwight Eisenhower. It is our belief that he will unite all Americans into a crusade for decency and common sense. One of the most hopeful signs is this:



W. T. GRIFFING

people do not think of Eisenhower as a Republican, but as a great American. Let us hope that under him the world will come closer to universal brotherhood.

A friend of ours who is approaching the time when he must taper off was debating the wisdom of keeping a television set he had had installed for a trial. He said he liked the programs very much, although they had to be seen from start to finish to get the full benefit—and that was what was troubling him no little bit. His argument against buying was that the set might hasten the rocking-chair days of himself and his wife and induce them to gradually forsake the customary little things done around the house and the town.

He went on to say he thought it best to keep on doing the things they have all these years, saving the TV for the rocking-day chairs which were soon to come. But at this writing he has purchased the set; he says he will have to use his will-power to keep that TV set from becoming too domineering.

How do you feel about your set?

Here is an interesting item for all gum chewers: It is reported that the American people chewed a mere 22 billion sticks of gum during the year just passed. Now, allowing for 2 billion sticks for the pupils in our classes, that leaves just 20 billion for you folks to figure out whose molars clamped down on them. Of course, those with dentures won't get stuck on this.

This old mind plays us queer tricks, so we may have told you that the Oklahoma legislature is in session with a \$400,000 bill in its hopper. This annual grant would be for special education uses in the public schools of the state. Two years ago, the governor vetoed a bill of this nature, but this time we give you any odds it will pass.

We contacted a friend in whose state we thought an ideal relationship existed between the state school and the special education group as far as dollars and cents were concerned, but he wrote back

to say that the governor was dedicated to the cause of special education to such an extent he was wondering just how the state school would come out for money.

Now, all of us know that no matter how much money is poured into this new-fangled education theory there will always be pupils who will show up so badly that those in charge will want to send them to a state school to save face.

With law-making bodies in session, it is for the deaf to be alert for "sleeper" bills that might do state schools real harm.

An Indiana crackpot has ruled it is necessary for a deaf person to go to his doctor for a signed statement to the effect he is not able to use a hearing aid before he will be granted a driver's license. This is not general in the state, just a local condition. The Hoosier officials are on the job and they are raising fire and brimstone. Good for them!

We hope we never have to go to our doc, under like circumstances, for a statement which says we do not have warts on our behind because that would go hard on us and other lazy cusses.

We read about a deaf couple getting a divorce. Wifey said she was unable to put up with the "unsigned" words she read in her husband's facial expressions. Hereafter a lot of us had better be more careful when we use the unsigned sign language. No wonder our butcher has suddenly turned cool toward us!

We wish Mario L. Santin would tell us just what is being done about the plan to establish a college for the deaf in Italy. We used to room with that guy at Gallaudet and our attempts to divide Gaul into three parts always sent him to the window for fresh air. Our roommate, Uriel C. Jones, could divide it better, the result being that he is now vocational principal of the Tennessee school.

We have been told that a certain coach is of the opinion football is not for the deaf athlete because it is a sport in which hearing plays a key role.

Well, now, we have had pretty fair teams at the Oklahoma school the past few years and a great many of our opponents, all hearing teams, will be glad to testify they were so busy trying to see if our players' ears wiggled that we were able to run touchdowns through and around their line with ease.

Bully for North Carolina and Virginia for honoring two very fine deaf men, O. W. Underhill and T. C. Lewellyn.

It is not often that the deaf do get recognition for long years of faithful and efficient service. We wish we had a dozen or so items like this to report each month — wouldn't that be fun?

Did we tell you about the deaf man who was coming out of the washroom rubbing his hands after a good scrubbing with soap? He said he had gone in to wash his hands because he had told an off-color joke.

Much has been written about the teaching of language to the deaf and most of us are as much in the dark as ever. Still, we present this viewpoint by Mr. P. L. Axling for you to mull over:

"In the November issue of THE SILENT WORKER there were several short articles by educators of the deaf answering the question: 'How would you help the deaf to improve their language?' I was much interested in the answers, but at the same time disappointed in the fact that only two of the writers struck the one method that will really teach language to the deaf pupil from the time he enters school until he graduates. Much emphasis was placed by most of the writers on reading and writing—which is all very well in their place—but finger spelling, with a very sparing use of signs, will prove to be the better method.

"I taught school in both North and South Dakota, the latter my alma mater, and in both schools the superintendents insisted that writing and finger spelling be used as much as possible, both in the class room and outside. I was educated under this method by a gifted graduate of the New York institution, (then known as the Fanwood school.) This teacher of mine had as his instructors two of the top-notch graduates from the Hartford school, founded by Dr. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, one as a hearing teacher of the deaf and the other as a deaf student.

"The sign language was used in my alma mater to the fullest extent in explaining to the pupils the meaning of words, sentences and everything else that they should know about, but when it came to language construction the pupils were required to write out their thoughts on the slate or on the blackboard—and the teacher would make corrections and explain to the class what might be wrong with the construction of their sentences. Very frequently the teacher would ask some of the pupils to tell him where there were mistakes in sentences or phrases under considera-

tion, and in this way he would draw out the pupils' power to think and to analyze the construction of sentences and their meaning.

"The sign language is necessary in giving the deaf child a clear understanding of what is meant by sentences and phrases, but it will not enable the pupil to learn the correct construction of a sentence. To give the pupil the habit of forming correct sentences, finger spelling is the thing. It forces the pupil to think for himself and to remember the construction of sentences — and in reading or writing he will be all the more apt to do some studying and analyzing of the sentences before him.

"There is a big difference between a congenitally deaf child and one who became deaf from illness or accident when a few years old. The latter, having had the advantage of hearing and having learned to speak and, in many cases also to write, usually retains his ability to express himself in fairly good English.

"The case of the congenitally deaf child, or the child who becomes deaf while still too young to have learned to speak or to understand much of spoken language, poses a problem for both the pupil and the teacher. He grows up into school age with no idea as to what a written sentence means; he usually does not know that objects or actions which he sees every day have words or a combination of words to define them and through which people convey to others their ideas or their desires, etc. So, when he is sent to a school where his education is to begin, his mind is virtually a blank — and he must start learning at a stage comparable to that of a hearing child about one year old.

It is in such cases as this that the language of signs is the one method that will open the mind of the child and give him understanding—and to later attain correct language construction he should be encouraged to depend on finger spelling, reading and writing to the fullest extent. His love for reading will be great only in proportion to his ability to grasp and understand language and the various meanings sentences and phrases are supposed to convey to the mind. It is up to the teacher to impart to the pupil this ability through correct language instruction in the first place."

Well, the flu bug is crawling down the small of our back trying to dig a 60-foot hole and we have just enough time to check on our insurance policies before we go to bed. Why must this happen to a perfectly healthy fellow? If we are here next month you will know that justice prevailed. Bye.

WTG

THE Silent LYRE

As the saying goes: "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the wisest men," and there is no disputing the wisdom in this. Whoever coined it must have been both sage and humorist, for the two invariably go hand in hand — like a morning-after-the-night-before.

Inscrutability

*It was early in the morning
that I walked a silent path —
a winding path of darkness
through the woods.*

*The trees, they spoke in whispers
and the wind replied in kind . . .
I think they spoke of woman
and her many curious ways.*

*Curious ways . . . funny ways . . .
ways that are not what they seem.*

*So I sat awhile and listened
till the sun came to the sky
and removed night's starry blanket
with the spell cast over me.*

*Then I wandered home
and pondered what I'd heard . . .
but I remembered nothing
but what the subject was.*

*Since then I've asked of wise men
(who perhaps have heard the trees)
"what do you know of woman . . .
. . . and her many curious ways?"*

*But, of these many wise men,
all that I've received
is many empty faces
as proof of what they know.*

DONALD O. PETERSON

Ebenezer

He never jeered or sneered. His smile was honeyed.
He was gay and debonair — and he was moneyed.
His papa, it was said, owned a candy factory,
And Ebenezer himself was very cursory
In money matters. So he attracted the gals
The world was a friend to him. He had many pals.
The kindly profs gave him kindly grades
And everybody laughed over his escapades.
Then came the crash: his papa went bankrupt.
Everything changed. Everybody was duped.
He had no gals and no pals. He was left alone.
But in his blue eyes true kindness shone.
Luckily, he managed to be graduated
With a degree which he much overrated.
He could now enter a profession, and this he did.
His title is: Janitor Second Grade, *au fait*.

GENE BERGMAN

Cocktails

*Ice tinkled against glass;
I moved through the crowd
Lonely, yet not alone—
Someone called my name,
I turned and she made me think
Of a sleek black cat, sharpening its
claws.*

*"Darling," artificial Southern drawl,
"What's this I hear?
You're mending a broken heart
Over your little affair?"
The stage was mine—I played my part
just right.*

*My laughter, gay and light,
Tinkled like ice against glass.
"I? A broken heart? Over him?
Oh, my dear!" She sheathed her claws
And others turned away. Once again
I was lonely, yet not alone.
Then that night,
I lay awake while others slept
And thought of him—
And my heart wept.*

HELEN ROSS SEWELL

Fleeting Love

O, Mickey had a girl-friend
as pretty as can be,
And Mickey had a paycheck
With fancy figures three.
So many things to look at,
so many things to buy —
For Mickey had a paycheck,
and Molly caught his eye.
She lured him to a night club,
she took him to the fights,
She dragged him to the movies,
and then to see the sights . . .
Now Mickey has no girl-friends
as pretty as can be,
And Mickey has no paycheck
with fancy figures three.
When Mickey was in clover
the girls did love him so.
Now Mickey's sad as "Rover"—
He has no *status quo*.

GENE VESCOVI

Turnabout

Professor! I must beg to interfere
With this dramatic cloak and dagger view
Of *Don Quixote*, in the guise which you
Have brought to life this courtly atmosphere
Of old. I praise those sixty years and two
Which mark your learning, and which somehow, too,
Have forced me to repeat the course this year;
And yet, I beg your pardon, but I must
Cross swords with you though forty years
your youth,
And, raising *Sancho Panza* from the dust,
Remind you of this day and age, forsooth;
For, I repeat again, my cause is just —
It's fifty minutes after nine:
Hey, fellers, 'tain't the truth?

ROBERT PANARA

Churches IN THE DEAF WORLD

Wesley Lauritsen, Editor

St. Ann's Church Marks 100 Years' Work with the Deaf

By Rev. Edwin W. Nies

On Sunday afternoon, October 12th, St. Ann's Church in New York held a festival service to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of its founding by the Reverend Thomas Gallaudet, D.D. The service was held in St. Mark's Church in-the-Bouwerie, where the congregation of St. Ann's has held its services the past three-and-a-half years.

The service was conducted by the Reverend Dr. Edwin W. Nies, fifth and present Vicar of St. Ann's, with an attendance of two hundred thirty members and friends. Guest clergy were the Reverend Dr. James A. Paul, Dean of the Convocation of Manhattan, the Reverend Richard E. McEvoy, Rector of St. Mark's Church, and the Reverend Messrs. Otto B. Berg of Washington, William M. Lange, Jr. of Syracuse, and J. Stanley Light of Boston. The vested choir consisted of Mesdames Ethel Diekmann, Elsie Funk, Misses Muriel Dvorak and Anna Klaus. Edmund Hicks served as Crucifer.

In his address, the Rev. Dr. Paul brought to the congregation "the warm and devoted greetings" from the Rt. Reverend Horace W. B. Donegan, D.D., Bishop of New York, and then spoke in high praise of the long record of devoted service to the deaf by the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet, and of those who succeeded him to the post of Vicar of St. Ann's. The Dean's address was interpreted into signs by Dr. Daniel T. Cloud, Superintendent of the New York School for the Deaf.

The various parts of the elaborate festival service were taken in succession by Mr. Lange and Mr. Berg. Throughout the service Dr. Nies served as "guide" to the hearing clergy so that signs and the spoken word proceeded in perfect unison. The Rev. Mr. McEvoy read the service, as well as the sermon, for the benefit of hearing persons present.

The sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. Stanley Light. Mr. Light praised the pioneer spirit of the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet and his long devotion to the spiritual welfare of the deaf of all denominations. And he said that it will ever remain to the credit of the Protestant Episcopal Church that she was the first to hold services for the deaf in their own language of signs, and also to admit qualified deaf men to the priesthood.

It is interesting to note that St. Mark's Church located at E. 10th St. and 2nd Avenue began as the private chapel of that early Dutch Governor of New Amsterdam, Peter Stuyvesant, who is now buried in the churchyard there. And St. Ann's was begun in October 1852 as a Bible Class for the Adult Deaf, in a building only one block away from St. Mark's.

Subsequently in 1859 St. Ann's was able to purchase a church building and rectory of its own, located on West 18th street, where it remained for forty years.

In 1897 the status of St. Ann's was changed. It was merged with the Church of St. Matthews, to become a chapel of that hearing church. The hearing members of St. Ann's became part of St. Matthew's congregation, and the deaf members were given a church building for their own use, located on West 148th Street. This was the first church structure built for exclusive use of a deaf congregation and it had many features designed for the particular needs of the deaf.

In October 1902 St. Ann's celebrated its 50th Anniversary, but the Rev. Dr. Gallaudet did not live to participate in that happy event. He died in August 1902, to be succeeded by his assistant of many years, the Rev. John Chamberlain, D.D.

In 1949, when the 148th Street location had become inaccessible to so many of the two hundred members of the congregation, and the Rev. Guilbert C. Braddock had resigned as Vicar to take a post in Virginia, the people of St. Ann's petitioned the Rt. Reverend Charles K. Gilbert, Bishop of New York, to permit them to change the status of their church to that of a Mission within the Diocese of New York.

After St. Ann's had been nearly five years without the services of a Vicar, Dr. Nies was invited by Bishop Gilbert to study for holy orders, and was later ordained Deacon by the Bishop in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine. The Rt. Reverend Horace W. B. Donegan, who succeeded Bishop Gilbert, ordained Dr. Nies to the priesthood in St. Mark's Church, where the congregation of St. Ann's now continues to worship until a permanent location can be found.



REV. EDWIN W. NIES

Sermon of the Month

By Dr. George M. McClure, Sr.,
Danville, Kentucky

A Doctor of the Old School

One does not look for sentiment or expression of deep religious feeling in the dry official reports of medical men to the governing body of the group by whom they are employed. But some years ago the Kentucky School for the Deaf had for its physician Doctor C. . . ., a leader, not only in his profession, but in the religious life of the community as well. Faithfully he fulfilled his Hypocritic Oath never to put self before the needs of suffering humanity.

He was so conscientious that when appointed physician to the school he felt it his duty to learn to communicate with his prospective patients at first hand, so, though well over fifty years of age, he set himself to learn the sign-language of the deaf. He engaged one of the deaf teachers to give him lessons and persevered until he was able to use it readily in the sick room. Doubtless this ability was the deciding factor that enabled him to win more than one desperate battle when the life of the patient was at stake.

One year in his official report to the Board, he was able to show a wonderful health record, — no death, no epidemic, no serious cases of illness. He expressed his gratification at being able to present such a pleasing report, but with the humility that is a part of a true greatness of soul, he added:

"Not unto us, — not unto us, be the praise. We do not forget that daily this household has gathered in His name, while Shepherds and Keepers in Israel have besought the Throne of Grace that He would watch and guard with His unslumbering eye."

Lutheran Work Among the Deaf in Pennsylvania

When the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf was located a short distance from the office of the Board of Inner Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, the late Rev. Joseph A. Sies, D.D., was a member of the Board of Directors of the school, and took an active part in promoting the education of the deaf. The Lutheran Theological Seminary is located at Mt. Airy within a stone's throw of the school. On June 2, 1895, the late Rev. Ashmead Schaeffer confirmed a group of nine young people from the school.

In 1896, Dr. Jacob Fry, professor at the Seminary, took over the instruction of the deaf who attended the Sunday School of the Seminary church and later were confirmed by him. This was carried on until 1910 when the Rev. Frank Reitter, later the principal of the Clark School, was called to minister especially to the deaf at the Pennsylvania School. Between 1916 and 1923 the work lagged with occasional services. In that year, the Rev. Howard E. Snyder, an instructor in the Pennsylvania School, undertook the instruction of the Lutheran deaf. On his removal from Philadelphia, the work lagged again until 1926 when Edward F. Kaercher, a student at Gallaudet, decided to enter the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Services in the sign language were begun on Sunday, November 21, 1926, in the Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration. In 1942 Pastor Kaercher was compelled to give up his work because of ill health.

Then, it was undertaken by a hearing member of our staff, the Rev. Francis A. Shearer, who, until he mastered the sign language, worked through an interpreter, Miss Isabella McCormick, the daughter of one of our deaf families. Presently, the work is under the care of the Rev. Frederick H. Goos, a member of our staff.

He holds bi-weekly services in Philadelphia at the Church of the Ascension and monthly services in Lancaster and Reading. He also is Superintendent of the Sunday School for the Lutheran children at the School and regularly visits the Home for the Aged Deaf. St. Philip's is an active group; on November 22nd it observed its 25th Anniversary with an Anniversary dinner on November 29th.

St. Thomas' in Allentown is served by the Rev. William A. Ward, pastor of Rosemont Lutheran Church. In order to increase the interest of our hearing pastors in the needs of the deaf, Pastor Goos conducts a class in the sign language each year at the Seminary and talks to them about the deaf.

—REV. G. H. BECHTOLD, D.D.

From Foreign Lands . . .

By Paul Lange

We note from the October-November number of the Belgian *Notre Journal*, official organ of the Belgian Deaf, that Gene Hairston, the American deaf boxer, has organized a quintet of young deaf colored basketball players with which he expects to challenge the Harlem Globetrotters for a game at the International Sports Tournament in Brussels next August. The Sports Tournament at Cologne last August attracted 3,400 deaf from all parts of Europe. A still larger crowd is expected in Brussels.

It may be of interest to the deaf of foreign countries to know that several hundred automobiles conveyed most of the 700 deaf attending the reunion of the graduates and former pupils of the Wisconsin School for the Deaf at Delavan last June. These cars were driven by the deaf, themselves.

The Association for the Deaf of Germany has recently completed a home for the aged deaf at Siemenstadt, Berlin. It has 400 rooms and is divided into two sections, one of which is for single persons and couples who are able to cook for themselves. The rent is 30 German marks (about \$7.00) a month for single persons and \$9.50 a month for couples. After the aged people have been accommodated, the remaining rooms will be rented out.

Dovas Varld, the paper for the deaf of Sweden, has a column for deaf autoists.

At the convention of the Deaf of the North Rhine and Westphalia provinces on Nov. 8 and 9, a performance of Avery Hopgood's comedy, "The Model Husband", was given by a group of deaf actors from Essen, Germany. It has been given before deaf audiences in both Germany and Switzerland.

The *Deutsche Gehorlose Zeitung* (German Deaf paper) warns its readers of an American deaf man who likes to sponge on deaf people and otherwise annoy them!

The deaf of Dortmund, a German city of about 500,000 have a large and active organization. Through the efforts of its members the last of 127 unemployed deaf in the years of 1950-51 were able to find work. The management of the city theater was prevailed upon to train a group of deaf players who have appeared with great success in other cities and aided in organizing theater groups. The club's most successful project was crowned by the laying of the corner stone of a new school for the deaf in Dortmund. The school will be completed by the first of April and will be in charge of Dr. Otto

Schmahl, one of the leading educators of the deaf in Germany.

Iceland has a school for the deaf with an attendance of 35 pupils at its capital, Reykjavik.

Juiz de Fora of Bistaz, Brazil, was recently installed as a priest of the Catholic church in Rome. He is deaf and a graduate of the Brazilian seminary at Rome.

A new high school for the deaf has been established in Padua, Italy.

The Danish Association for the Deaf was founded 86 years ago.

The oldest and largest school for the deaf in Australia, that at Sidney, was founded in 1861. It has an attendance of 256 pupils, 182 of whom live in the school.

Mrs. Pauline Weishaupt is a deaf painter and daughter of the Danish author, J. W. Skylo Hansen. She recently exhibited some paintings of the Faro islands at the city of Thorshaven.

In Finland there are twelve deaf auto owners. They drive Chrysler, Winton, Mercedes-Benz, Ford, Austin, Probeda, and Opel cars.

The deaf of Finland celebrated the birthday of Carl Oskar Malm, the founder of the first school for the deaf in that country, on Feb. 12. Malm was himself deaf.

A school for deaf children of preschool age (2 to 6) has been established this year at Goteborg, Sweden.

At the International salon for deaf artists at Paris, prizes were awarded to Robert Feriman of the United States, Mrs. Matyse Enjalbert and Miss Jacqueline Goubeaux of France.

The deaf of Spain last year erected a monument of their benefactor, Brother Ponce de Leon, at Madrid, with the inscription, "Brother Ponce de Leon carried on the education of the deaf with love. May the same love lead the union of all the deaf into a federation of their country and the world. Long live Spain! Long live Rome!"

Juan Luis Marroquin, publisher and editor of "Gazeta del Sordomuto" (Gazette of the Deaf), of Madrid, is president of the Spanish federation of the deaf.

Ernst Gruenbaum, a deaf Jew of Witten-Stockum, has issued a call for a meeting of deaf Jews of Germany to organize a Jewish society of the deaf of Germany.

A cutting school for the deaf was opened last spring by a tailoring firm in Dusseldorf, Germany. It was in charge of deaf instructors.



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SWinging 'round the nation



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WASHINGTON, D.C. . . .

Duncan Smoak received a delightful surprise when he opened a recent issue of "Life" Magazine and saw a photograph of his nephew, a Lt. Colonel in the Marines, shaking hands with Dwight Eisenhower during Ike's recent tour in Korea.

Genevieve Lipinski, who has been employed by the government here for the past decade, is about to receive a transfer to sunny California where she will be near her people. The move has her happy and excited.

Ramona Burgess and Robert McClelland have announced their engagement and the wedding is tentatively set for this Spring. Both of the young people are employed by the government here.

Frank Doctor of Olathe, Kan., stopped in D. C. to visit his mother and his brother, Dr. Powrie Doctor, during his recent month's vacation. Folks here were very glad to see him.

Other visitors to D. C. were Mr. and Mrs. Carmen Tibero and Almeda Drummond, all of Ohio, who stopped for a brief visit en route home from South Carolina. Eleanor Cuscaden, a teacher at the Iowa School, was in town for a visit with her brother Tom and sister-in-law Donna.

January 17, saw the Pittsburgh basketball team in town where they lost a game to the D. C. boys. Afterwards they all converged on the local Club where they were entertained with skits and songs by an all-girl cast under the superb direction of Mrs. Donna Cuscaden and Mrs. Gertie Galloway.

Please note that all Washington, D. C. news should be sent to either Meda Scott or Arlene Stecker at 3109 Queens Chapel Road, Mt. Rainier, Maryland.

COLORADO . . .

No doubt our readers have been watching the weather forecast by TV or reading the results in the papers. Colorado has been enjoying weather in the mid-seventies in January — no fooling. It has been so warm that many of us have taken to the mountains for picnics and rides. It is beautiful up there, even in January, with the snowcaps in the distance. Quite a few have gone long distances to get a chance to ski. The DeRoy Stevens, of Colorado Springs, and Leonard Heller, of Denver are the ski enthusiasts among the local deaf.

The New Years' Party at the Silent Athletic Club of Denver was well-attended and a great success — this was the first party in which the club has endeavored to go to all outs to give one and all a grand time. Many visitors from out of town were in evidence; the Godfrey Adams of Santa Fe, N. M.; the Paul Barnes of Bridgeport, Neb.; George Propp of Omaha, Neb.; and countless others whose names are unknown to your reporter who is now beginning to call Colorado her home.

The Herbert Votaws and Russell DeHaven, all of Denver, went to Missouri for the Christmas Holidays. Herb and Harriett spent five days in Kansas City with her parents and visited the Kansas City Club for the Deaf, but didn't get to visit many of their friends — who had done likewise and gone out of town on the holidays. Russell went on to St. Louis where he stayed until January 3rd.

The Votaws, again, went out of town for the New Year's — to Colorado Springs to visit the Thomas Fischlers. (Bet they were the only ones from Denver to go out of town). The William Henrys of Colorado Springs, as well as others from the same town and Pueblo trekked to Denver for the SAC's party.

Wayne Bell who 'kissed' the town goodbye and moved to California (San Francisco) last summer, has returned to Denver and admitted he was homesick and that there was no place like Colorado. Wayne has his old job back and has rejoined the SAC. Welcome home, Wayne.

The annual election of officers was held on a stormy winter night, the first after weeks of beautiful spring-like weather, January 14th. The SAC's new officers for 1953 are: Bill Fraser, pres; Norman McCracken, v-pres;

Charles Billings, re-elected secy; Fred Schmidt, treas; Dick Fraser II, third trustee; and Bob Woody, sgt.

George Propp, of Omaha and the Paul Barnes of Bridgeport were the house guests of the Don Warnicks. The threesome came down from Bridgeport December 30th, and George returned to Omaha by train while the Barnes stayed over until January 4th.

The Herbert Votaws moved into their new home on Thanksgiving Day, — no fooling — and had something to be Thankful for. Delay in the sewer connections was causing so much worry and the sewer was finally connected the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. Harriett's parents came out from Kansas City for the weekend and were put to work helping them move. (P.S. Next time they come they will get a chance to rest — they have always done some work on the place each time they came out during the summer and they came out five times.)

The Don Warnicks brought the Paul Barnes over to see Herb and Harriett and we can say they were the first visitors in the new home. January 6th found a group of deaf girls enjoying a Stanley party in the new home.

MINNESOTA . . .

The Mike Harrers are riding the streetcars to and from work these days though they will soon be buying a new car to replace the one wrecked in an accident Christmas Eve. Their son, Mike Jr., was driving home when a woman driver ran through a red light and smashed into the front of the Harrer car damaging it so badly that the cost of repairs was prohibitive. However they were fortunate in securing payment of damages from the lady driver, hence the happy prospect of a new car this spring.

Fred Schnabel recently bade a regretful farewell to the '41 Studebaker which served him faithfully the past decade. Fred now drives a good-looking '50 Ford.

The Christmas holidays found Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson in Des Moines, Ia., visiting with relatives. Others who were away on vacation just recently were Don Ross and Mike Zroka who journeyed to Portage, Wisconsin to see various relatives and thence to Chicago where they spent four enjoyable days getting acquainted with people there. They especially enjoyed their visit to the Chicago Club of the Deaf and brought back news of a former Minnesotan, Martin Keller, who is married and working in the Windy City.

John Schumacher was among those laid off at the Minneapolis Star and Tribune plant due to the usual slack which seems to come around the first of each New Year. He is, however, on the "sub" list and manages to get in several days work each week. Another on the list is William Nelson, formerly of Duluth, who relinquished his position on the Milwaukee Journal last December. William found he had to work over-time almost every day during his employment by the Journal and couldn't get a day off to rest up, hence his putting up his slip on the slipboard in Minneapolis.

Miss Ada Palmer was honored at a surprise Christmas party just before Christmas when a number of residents of Johnson City, New York, gathered at her residence. Seated, left to right: Mrs. Elery Race, Mrs. Jeanette E. Decker, Mrs. Lucretia King, Miss Palmer, Mrs. James Lewis, Mrs. Clifford C. Leach, Wilma Backman, Mrs. Richard LeVan. Standing: Mrs. Emil Koliander, Mrs. Wm. Chauncey, Richard LeVan, Wm. Chauncey, James M. Lewis, Elery Race, Clifford C. Leach, Arthur Rodman. Miss Palmer is a sister of Mrs. Elery Race.



ILLINOIS . . .

President Leonard Warshawsky of the Illinois Association of the Deaf has announced the dates of June 20-21, 1953 for the 20th Triennial Convention. This will be held at LaSalle, Ill., and the historic Starved Rock State Park, only six miles from that town. Plans are well made to make this a very successful event. Art C. Johnson, of Rock Island and William J. Maiworm of Chicago have been appointed co-chairmen. More details will be unfolded in later issues and through news bulletins.

Chicago is planning now for the two great events of the year. First, the coming American Athletic Association of the Deaf 9th Annual basketball tournament to be staged in neighboring Milwaukee, Wisc., March 29-30-31 which will draw many fans here prior and after the meet AND the 17th Annual Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Tournament carded for our town the 24-25-26 of April. The bowling meet will be staged at the Lakeview Lanes on North Clark Street and the dance and floor show just south on the same street in Chicago's famous Loop — at the Hotel Sherman.

Those planning this affair are Gordon M. Rice, Chairman, Henry J. Bruns, Raymond Sass, Anthony Adducci, Charles Hanton, Chester Kazmierski, Dave Kennedy, Lowell Baxter and Leonard Warshawsky. Elsie Cain is handling the entries for the ladies' tourney to be held while the men bowl for top honors.

Results of elections: Chicago Club of the Deaf—Thomas Cain, pres; Edward Mastny, 1st v-pres; Albert Maierhofer, 2nd v-pres; John B. Davis, secy; S. Robey Burns, treas. (hold-over); Walter Hodgson, fin. secy; William Maiworm and Mattie LeRoy, directors; and John Tubergen, Jr., trustee for three years. Chicago Div. No. 1, NFSD: Thomas Cain, pres; Paul Damen, v-pres; S. Robey Burns, secy; William Sendelbaugh, treas; Patrick Fitzpatrick, Francis Fitzgerald and Alexander U. Saxerm, trustee. The meetings of the division are held the second Friday of each month at the Chicago Club of the Deaf.

The John B. Davis duo (Beatrice Miller) spent their month-long honeymoon in the great Southwest and in Mexico. From this "south of the border country", they toured the Pacific coast, taking in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland.

According to a newspaper clipping, the Mid-States Four, championship barber shop quartet is touring the Pacific entertaining our men in the occupational forces. One member is Robert Mack, hearing cousin of Steve Vathakes.

The American Lip Readers had a box supper auction that went over big last month at the VFW Hall on North Wells Street. Each box was sold on an average of \$3.50. One medium sized box sold for \$4.75 while surprisingly, the biggest and heaviest box sold for only \$2.50. That huge box contained enough food to feed an army and the guy who bought it was a thin one. Football tickets to the Chicago Bears and Detroit Lions game were raffled off, too. Refreshments were sold to those who didn't buy box lunches. About seventy-five attended the affair, among whom were Lowell Myers, Jimmy Dunne, Jerry Strom, August Lowenstein, Anita Chabowski and Bernadette Kobal.

Peter Holznier of Chicago "chipped in" with his son-in-law to buy a beautiful modern equipped bungalow sometime in January.

The Episcopal Church of the Deaf with the Rev. Arthur Leisman, of Milwaukee in charge, had a bunco and pinocle social followed by a Bazaar at the Church on Hermitage and Wilson in November. All goods were sold like hot cakes and a good profit for the church was realized.

Mary Burthmann of Elwood Park, Ill. is now recuperating from an operation at the Elmhurst Hospital.

Mary Toscah spent a weekend in Washington, D.C., the guest of the Alfred Ederheimers. While in the Capitol City, she took in the NFSD Ball. Another to make a trip to Washington was Willie Coles.

Pres. Thomas Cain of the Chicago Club and of the Chicago NFSD No. 1 was surprised on November 1 to see his brother from Kansas. He had stopped off after seeing the Notre Dame-Oklahoma U. football game at nearby South Bend, Ind.

Officers elected at the meeting of the Chicago Silent Dramatic Club for 1953 are: Frank Bernard Sullivan, pres; Katherine C.

Leiter, v-pres; Connie Kennedy, secy., and Leonard Warshawsky, treas. A Christmas party was held at the home of the Edwin Hazels. Turkey with all the trimmings was served, thanks to the all-out effort of Minnie Kelly and her helpers.

Mrs. Frieda Meagher entertained some 16 ladies at a dinner during the Christmas holidays. The festivities were in honor of two out of town visitors, Miss L. Anderson of Sweden and Mrs. Williams of Kansas City. The Silent Dramatic Club celebrated its fifteenth year of existence the 20th of December when members gathered to partake of a scrumptious turkey dinner. The Chicago Club and the Ephpheta Social Center also held gala Christmas Parties on the 20th.

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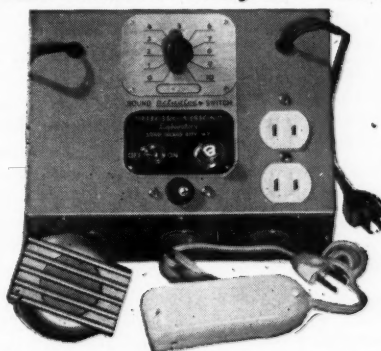


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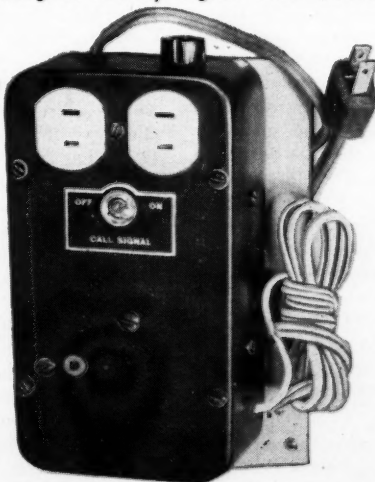
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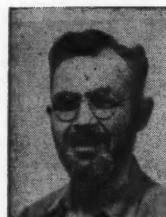
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During the holidays the Silent Printer had the pleasure of meeting and holding a rather lengthy conversation with A. W. Wright of Seattle, Washington. It will be remembered that Mr. Wright can boast of continuous employment with the Seattle *Post-Intelligencer* for 51 years, as reported in the January column. Brother Wright told us a little of his early days. He related that the composing room of the *Post* was equipped with linotypes even at that early date. And the pressroom boasted the old Hoe Quadruples, almost two stories high. We hope that Brother Wright will reminisce a bit more for our edification about his early days in our venerable trade.

We are also indebted to Brother Wright for the name of the first deaf linotype operator. He was Charles A. Gurmaer, a product of the school in Flint, Michigan. Mr. Gurmaer started in the trade hand setting type on a Grand Rapids (Michigan) daily, and when a Rogers slug casting machine was installed he was one of those instructed in its operation. He told of how he had to stand up at the keyboard. Seems printers had flat feet in those days and not flat seats as modern ops have. An error in the mat assembly of these machines could not be corrected and the line had to be sent in. The squirts were frequent. When Mr. Gurmaer hung up his slip on the machine side on the *Post-Intelligencer* in 1902, he created quite a sensation. Seems that the hearing operators had never seen or heard of a deaf one. So for several days he had plenty of kibitzers. Their verdict was that he would do. He had a typewriter method of pounding the keys that generally prevailed before the scientific method of fingering was charted, but he set an average share and had clean proofs.

This is one of those items that gives us real pain to report. After all these years of steadfastly resisting the wiles of the other sex and being an object of envy to the rest of us ring-in-the-nose benedicts, it is our sad duty to report that Ross Miller, lino op on the Cleveland Plain Dealer, has forsaken the bliss of single blessedness. His marriage to Sarah Redfearn Fry took place in late 1952 or early 1953. The new Mrs. Miller is a sister of the "oh, so much better" half of Bob Greenmun, the NAD's Secretary-treasurer.

Another vital statistic of interest is the announcement of the birth of a daughter, Marlanie, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Voytovich in St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. It is not known if the proud papa is still a printer but the Silent Printer remembers employing Mike part time in his shop during Mike's school days at the Ohio school.

Here's the March issue of the National Amalgamated Directory:

Louie J. Fant, Sr., floorman, Dallas (Texas) Times-Herald. Cedar Spring, South Carolina School. Learned trade in school.

C. Elbert Carr, in charge of Linotype Department, Dallas (Texas) Times-Herald. Tennessee School. Mr. Carr learned his trade in school. (Hay, does that "C" stand for Chuck?)

John Buckmaster, foreman on Belle Fourche Bee in the Black Hills of South Dakota in the summer of 1952. At present a student at South Dakota State College, majoring in journalism and printing.

Edward Braum, floorman, N. Y. *Herald-Tribune*. Mr. Braum is a product of the Fanwood School.

Alexander Fleischman, Ad make-up man on the *Washington Post*, Washington, D.C. Mr. Fleischman attended Fanwood too. Was at one time the proprietor of the Mystic Press in New York City. Alex, how's about slipping us the addresses of those three beauts shown with you in the cut in the December SILENT WORKER?

Max Thompson, linotype operator on the Los Angeles *Daily News*. Max came from the Tennessee School where he learned the trade. His daughter, Mary Max Brown, age 20, is now a linotype operator at the Los Angeles Times. She studied the linotype machine at the famed Pasadena City College where she became the first woman to complete the course in that school.

If you have encountered difficulty in removing the minute particles of lint that cling to the high-lights of a half-tone cut, try this. After cleaning the cut in the usual manner, take a piece of cellophane tape and run it, face down, across the cut. The lint adheres readily to the sticky surface of the tape, and leaves a clean, workable half-tone.

Say, that might be a good method to use to remove the particles of lipstick and face powder we get in our luxuriant beard from time to time.

SWinging . . .

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Mabel Gates of Decatur, Ill., came up to Chicago in mid-December to do her Christmas shopping. She was the guest of Virgie and Francis Fitzgerald during her stay.

Celia Warshawsky spent two weeks in New Jersey during December, arriving back in Chicago just in time to spend Christmas with husband Lenny.

The Ephpheta Social Center has seated new officers for 1953. Those appointed to serve are: William Lucas, pres; Loretta Blake, sec'y; and Joseph Bruhs, treasurer.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leiter spent a super 6-week vacation during Nov.-Dec. going by plane to such wonderful spots as Cuba, Florida, and California. They spent three weeks in Los Angeles where they were royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Morris. Fahr who gave a party for them.

Virgie and Francis Fitzgerald motored to far-off Mexico City on a three-week vacation, stopping in Austin, Tex., to visit the school and friends there. They greatly enjoyed themselves in Mexico City attending the Mexico City Club where they found it quite easy to converse with the members who total almost 200. Highlight of their trip was meeting Prof. Fidel Lopez and his charming English wife who added much to their enjoyment of the trip by relating the history of various points of interest. Prof. Lopez, who is also deaf, founded an Oral School of his own some five years ago and the Mexican Government has now granted him a brand new school which will be completed within the next few months. At present he employs 18 teachers but will need around 35 for the new school which will seat some 400 pupils. The Fitzgeralds spent ten days in the City itself with side trips to Monterey, Valles, Puebla, Taxaco, and Virgie managed to sit for a few minutes in Maximilian's chair when the Guard was looking the other way. They required a professional Guide the first few days but Francis soon was able to find his way around. Postal cards which came from Virgie en route home showed them stopping over in Houston, Tex., various points in Louisiana, and in Arkansas before returning reluctantly home to Chicago and the daily grind with their 26 day vacation over but never to be forgotten. (And when we asked you to visit California you said it was TOO FAR! News Ed.)

It is with much pleasure, and deep gratitude to Virginia Fitzgerald and Leonard Warshawsky, that we are able to include news of Illinois once again after so long a time. Leonard has volunteered to contribute items regularly if we want him to (We DO! News Ed.) and Virgie says she will send us news whenever time permits. Leonard's address is: 740 South Independence Blvd., Chicago 24, Ill., and Virgie can be reached at 1059 West 93rd St., Chicago 20.

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THE SILENT WORKER received pictures of fishermen from opposite corners of the nation for publication in this number. Above at the left is Mrs. Violet Tatreau, of Portland, Oregon, with her two children and fish they caught near Portland in December. At the right, William Crenshaw and his wife, Evelyn, of Chicago, exhibit the catch they made on Dec. 10 on a fishing boat off the Florida coast. Jimmy Albury, captain of the boat, is in the center. The fish include 5 amberjack, 4 dolphin, 1 grouper, 2 bonita, and 11 kingfish. Besides these fish, Bill battled for an hour with a 7-foot shark and a giant barracuda, both of which got away. The Crenshaws drove to Florida for their winter vacation and returned to Chicago by way of New Orleans.

CALIFORNIA . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hadson of Connecticut have come to make their home in Los Angeles and Ray has obtained employment in a local aircraft plant.

Alice Lusk and Evelyn Thornborrow of the New Mexico School spent the Christmas holidays in Long Beach, Calif., Alice at the home of her sister and Evelyn at her parents in near-by Santa Ana. The two drove to and from Santa Fe in Evelyn's car.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Katz of Santa Ana have bought a large and luxurious house-trailer and are now living in it. With their son Norman away at College and their daughter Beverly now Mrs. Frank Sladek and living in faraway Tucson, Ariz., the Katzs found their big house mighty empty with only their little daughter left to keep them occupied.

Dollie Harris of Long Beach left January 25 for a visit of several months in Houston, Tex., in company with her daughter. Poor Luther is "batching" it till Dollie returns.

Mary Sladek left by plane for San Francisco February 20 to join the Alva Reneaus and take in the Farwest basketball tournament in San Jose February 21-22. Otis Rae Powell, Vivian Ausburn, and several others joined the basketball team and flew up to San Jose the same evening. The John Fails left February 19 for a week's trip up the coast to and from the tournament.

Friends of Clarence Modisett sympathize with him greatly over the sudden death of his beloved wife, Evelyn, who passed away from the dread disease, leukemia, the 17th of January during the early hours of the morning. Evelyn was laid to rest in Inglewood, Calif., on the 19th. She was an active member of the Los Angeles Div. No. 27, NFSD Auxiliary for many years and her going will leave an empty void in the sisterhood. Most of her friends were unaware that she was ailing as Evelyn was her cheerful self almost up until the very end.

Folks hereabouts were amazed one recent Friday evening when the pretty features of Minnie Sigman (Mrs. Roy) flashed upon the TV screen. She was shown at work in the Northrup Aircraft plant where she is employed. Northrup has quite a few local deaf on its payroll, among them Lucy Sigman, Mae

Workman, Thelma Anderson, and Victoria and Val Cookson. There are many others, however.

Speaking of Thelma Anderson, she and husband Edgar have bought themselves a brand new home in West Los Angeles and will be moving in sometime in February if the new place is completed by then. Others who spent January in moving were Evelyn and Millard Ash who now reside in a new two-bedroom home in Suncrest Park, just outside the city limits of Torrance. Ben and Mary Mendoza are now comfortably settled in their new home in Wilmington and Max and Mary Thompson report that they like it very much in their new house in North Hollywood.

It took them quite a long time to get around to purchasing a television set but Sarah and Julius Seandel feel that they enjoy it all the more for the long wait. The new set, a 21-inch Admiral, may well keep Julius and Sarah at home these cold winter evenings so if we see less of them henceforth, the new TV is to blame.

Faye and Vera Palmer were among the first to come out with new '53 automobiles, a beautiful green Dodge, and Dwight Holmes had such good fortune in Las Vegas, Nev., recently that he is driving a new '53 Chevrolet around town. Frank and Esther Egger are the happy owners of one of those snazzy '53 Pontiacs. Yes, local residents do seem right prosperous!

St. Valentine's Day has been chosen for the nuptials of Dianne DeGraffenreid and John Carlin of Hollywood. The couple announced their engagement New Year's Eve and February 14 will see them Mr. and Mrs. Congratulations to the happy young couple from all of us!

Delbert Boese, 21, of Lincoln, Nebr., arrived in Long Beach January 20 and is making his home with young Bob Sewell who has obtained work for Delbert. He has signed up to play with the Long Beach basketball team and those who have seen him on the floor can well imagine the boost he has given the LB team. He is a superb player and, for those who want to know more about him, we refer you to Art Kruger's article in the Sports section of the June 1951 Silent Worker.

New officers of the Long Beach Club for '53 are: Joe M. Park, pres; Melvin O'Neal, v-pres; Evelyn Ash, Sec'y; Ross Bailey, treas;

Kathy Massey, Financial Sec'y; Ellen Grimes, Publicity, and Thaine Smith, Serg't. On the board of Trustees are Otis Rae Powell, Virgil Grimes, and Cora Park.

Mrs. Earl Beasley of Compton spent several days in a local hospital where she underwent minor surgery the 5th of January. She has fully recovered however and is her usual pert and pretty self again.

Quite a few Southlanders are joining the hejira to Milwaukee for the National Basketball Tournament in March. Most of them are going by plane and those who have already made their reservations for the flight are Don and Eleanor Neurnberger, Tom and Becky Elliott, Fred LaMonte, Herb and Loel Schriber, and several others. It looks like a whole plane-load will leave Los Angeles' airport together. Art and Eva Kruger plan to drive east, taking a leisurely vacation at the same time, and the Lou Dyers are undecided whether to fly or accompany the Krugers. The Herman Skedsmos are also hoping to drive East for the event.

NEW YORK . . .

The Christmas Party held by the Brooklyn Guild on December 19 was a big success as usual. About sixty people helped to make it a gala holiday affair. A movie titled "The Three Musketeers" with Douglas Fairbanks was shown. After the movie Santa paid his annual visit with gifts from a grab bag for all. Christmas candy and calendars were also distributed.

Alfred M. Allen, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Allen of Brooklyn was home on furlough for the Christmas holidays.

Although not dressed as the traditional Santa Claus, Charles B. Terry never-the-less brought Christmas cheer to the old people when he made his monthly trip to Gallaudet Home on December 20. Santa's helpers were Mrs. Bessie Ciavalino and Miss Anna Klaus. They brought the residents of the Home many useful gifts.

Mrs. Sadie Hicks returned home on December 17 after several weeks in the Methodist Hospital where she underwent an operation. She now seems to be well on the road to recovery.

The St. Ann's Church for the Deaf held their Christmas Services on December 21 in St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bouwerie. The service



Our News Editor receives a bouquet in the picture above. Jerry Fail, right, is presented with a gardenia corsage by Becky (Mrs. Tom) Elliott in recognition of the hard work the former did in putting across a stage show at the Los Angeles club just before the holidays. The show was to raise funds for the Los Angeles NFSD division and Auxiliary Christmas dinner.

was performed by Rev. Edwin Nies and the Christmas carols were sung by the choir, Mrs. Juan Font, Mrs. Ethel Diekmann, Mrs. Elsie Funk, Miss Anna Klaus and Muriel Dvorak.

The Bronx Division of the NFSD and the Bronx Silent Club held a Christmas Party on December 13. Several amusing skits were presented.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters are the proud grandparents of a baby boy born to their daughter on December 30. The baby weighed in at 7 lbs. 8 oz.

The Lutheran Deaf of Metropolitan New York and New Jersey held an annual Christmas Pageant of "The Birth of Christ" at St. Matthew's, New York on December 13 and at St. Matthew's New Jersey on December 14.

The Midtown Supper Club had as its December speaker, a world renowned clergyman, Reverend Doctor Nathan A. Perilman, Rabbi, Congregation Emanuel of the City of New York.

Mrs. Luba Rifkin went to Toronto, Canada on December 18 and was the guest of the David Peikoffs until she received her papers permitting her to enter the United States as an immigrant.

Mr. Moses Leow was killed by a taxi cab on December 31. The accident happened near the Union League Clubhouse. He was a member of UL for many years.

Mr. Joseph Taplin flew to Miami, Fla. on January 10 and will remain there until June.

The Hebrew Association of the Deaf held a "Variety Show" on December 20 and it proved to be a smash hit. Marcus Kenner served as M.C. as well as stage director. Mrs. Lena Krieger sang the "Star Spangled Banner". William Petroushke and his daughter Rita were then introduced to the audience as the Center's new German importation. Mr. Petroushke did several amusing skits and everyone agreed he was a born actor. There were about five other skits presented, all being equally good and much as I would like to give a more detailed account I find it necessary to limit myself to the names of the actors. Those who appeared during the course of the evening were: Joseph Hines, Ann Bernstein and her brother Seymour, L. Stern

Florsheim, Phil Leeds, Naomi Leeds, Irene Argule, Bernard Argule, Richard Meyers, Fred Katz, David Rabinowitz, David Berch. There was one professional act in the show, a specialty dancing group from Pearl Primus School of Dance. The benefits of the evening went to the H.A.D. Federation Fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitting of Florida visited the Hubert Diekmanns at Christmas. They were spending the week in the city.

The Women's Club of the Deaf had a New Year's Party on December 31. About fifty people were present and everyone had a wonderful time. The Club had a card party on January 24 at the Hotel Calridge.

The Golden Tornadoes Athletic Club's 1953 officers were installed recently. They were: President Albert Parnes; Vice-President Charles Krampe; Secretary Herbert Fradin and Treasurer Ralph Epstein. The Board of Governors are Harry Eberts, James Epstein, Howard Feltzin, Joseph Hines, Jr. and Leonard Vogel.

GTAC's Sports dinner and 6th Anniversary was held at Nystrom's Restaurant, North Hackensack, N.J. on January 17 with nearly 60 guests present. All were there to honor the GTAC players who did glory to their club's name by winning the following games in 1952: NYAAD Basketball Tourney, 1st place; EAAD Basketball Tournament, 1st place; AAAD Basketball Tourney, 2nd place and EAAD Softball Tourney, 1st place. President Parnes gave the address of welcome and Sey Bernstein gave a brief history of last years sports. All players received chenille awards; four 1952 officers were presented with office pins; Athletic Director, Max Friedman and Coach Ben Isreal received Ronson lighters with their initials; Special Achievement Award was won by Charles Krampe as the most deserving GTAC member last year. Five on the committee received a story book. The Athlete of the Year trophy went to Tom Lorello, brother of the famous Carl Lorello and the Adrian Tainsly Memorial Sportsmanship trophy to Don Marinoro. A skit was given by Herbert Fradin and Albert Parnes. Charles Krampe was chairman of the dinner, ably assisted by Herbert Fradin. Albert Parnes acted as master of ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Kleberg of Frederick, Maryland came to New York on January 9 with their baby son, Peter Laurence. Mr. Kleberg returned home again the next day, but Mrs. Kleberg and Peter remained here as the guest of an aunt, Mrs. Edith Koch for three weeks. When they left, they went directly to their new apartment in West Hyattsville, Md.

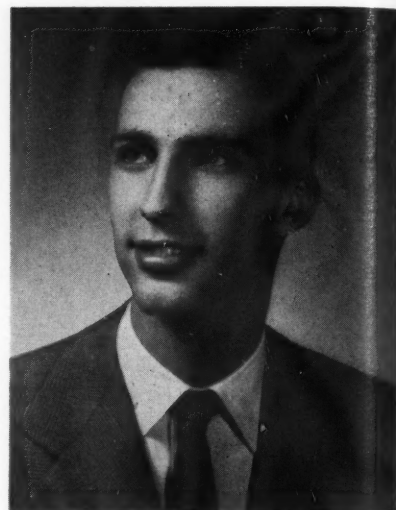
After the evening prayer service held at St. Ann's Church for the Deaf on January 17, with an inspiring sermon by the Rev. Edwin Nies, the parish of St. Ann's held their annual meeting. After the reports, the following were elected to the Advisory Board: Alfred C. Stern and William Thompson for a three year term; Edmund Hicks and Spencer G. Hoag for a two year term; Charles B. Terry and Samuel Shah for a one year term. At the close, special mention was made of the 50 years of service that Alfred Stern will have given to St. Ann's this year, which includes 28 years as treasurer. As a token of esteem the Men's Club and the Virginia B. Gallaudet Auxiliary presented to Mr. Stern a gift of \$50.

The Ephpheta Catholic Club of the Deaf gave a card party and dance on January 24 at St. Francis Xavier Hall, New York City.

NEBRASKA . . .

The Omaha Club of the Deaf had their annual meeting the night of December 12th, and Hall No. 4 at Swedish Auditorium was overly crowded with about 60 deaf present whereas it could accommodate 40. The officers were amazed, for they had expected at least a quorum of 35 members.

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Architecture, of course, is his first love, but like many another young college graduate, prospects of a defense job at high pay lured him to the Coast. He is an Engineering Draftsman in the hydraulics section of North American's Engineering Department — most of his work has been on the famous Sabre-Jet, which has run up such a superb record in the skies over Korea.

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An election of new officers of the OCD for 1953 was held with the following result: Tom Peterson, pres; Charles Langr, v-pres; Robert Mullin, secy; Charles Falk, re-elected treas; Victor Beran, new trustee; Delbert Meyer, sgt; John Renolinski, custodian. A new general entertainment committee was appointed: George Propp, chairman, and Mrs. Katherine Neujahr and Mrs. Viola Treuke.

Charles Falk was chosen OCD delegate to the MAAD meeting in Kansas City, Mo. Feb. 27 and 28 during the MAAD basketball tournament and Oscar Treuke was selected for alternate delegate.

The first basketball party of the OCD for the season took place Saturday night December 27th at Swedish Hall in No. 7, immediately following the game at NSD between the OCD and the Greeley (Colorado) Farm Silents. The score was 87 - 26 in favor of Omaha. The party was put up to welcome the Greeley visitors to Omaha and to give them a pleasant time. They came all rigged up in cowboy attire, complete with high-heeled boots and bright-colored scarves tied around their necks and big ten gallon hats. They made quite a romantic and picturesque sight — something out of a Western film or a dude ranch.

Tom Peterson, chairman of the party committee, was master of ceremonies, and he took the Greeley boys one by one and introduced them to the Omaha people. Then a unique game was held where everybody announced his New Year's resolution with no truth allowed; there were many funny ones, but apparently the best ones were by: Charles Falk, who was going to be a peddler; John Scheneman, who was going to transform himself into a woman; and Steve Grudzinski, who would buy three TV sets and watch them all at the same time.

The committee helping Mr. Peterson were Melvin Horton, Mrs. Marion Pettit and Mrs. Dolly Peterson, and they all did a good job, and a tidy profit of \$31.00 was realized, which isn't so bad, considering the short notice before the party and the absence of some Omaha people who were out of town for the holidays.

About one hundred Omahans and visitors found time to indulge in some long-needed revelry when the Omaha Frats had their Watch Party in Hall No. 2 at the Swedish Auditorium the night of December 31st.

They came to join in the celebration of the advent of the New Year at midnight and what a celebration. They roughly and ruthlessly ushered out the Old Year and welcomed the New Year gladly and with open arms.

Keith Stinger, chairman of the party committee, was as busy as a one-armed paper hanger, running here and there and giving directions and announcing the names of games, yet he kept an unruffled temper throughout, and his assistants on the committee proved equal to the occasion, too, by cheerfully waiting on the people; they were Mrs. Mina Stinger, the John Renolinskis, Robert Mullin; Mrs. Delbert Cooper; Kenneth Mathews and Ray Burgess.

Dancing was the main diversion at the party for the younger set and others gathered in different groups, some talking, some drinking and some just watching. The grand door prize was won by Miss Rose Stepan, who said she knew it was coming to her; she had a hunch that she would get it and was ready. (Woman's intuition?)

The party broke up before 1:00 A.M. and the people left, some yet in a celebrating mood and going to private parties, and others going straight back home — yes, the party was a good one, and Keith, come up and take a bow.

The new officers and the auditing committee of the Nebraska Association of the Deaf were

entertained at a small informal cocktail party in the apartment of the Tom Petersons the night of December 29th. They were the Neujahrs, the Schenemans, the Treukes, the Cuscadens and the Falks. They mapped out a program for the NAD, both business and social, and prepared a membership campaign to start early this winter.

The officers present were Hans Neujahr, pres; Tom Peterson, secy; and John Scheneman, treas. The auditing committee is composed of Oscar Treuke, chairman, Scott Cuscaden and Charles Falk.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Langr of Omaha drove to Los Angeles for the holidays and took Mrs. Charlotte Dey along with them. The Langrs visited with Mrs. Langr's older daughter Betty and Mrs. Dey stayed with her brother Albert and his family whom she had not seen for over ten years. Needless to say, they had a great time in California and hated to leave. They arrived safely back home without any trouble and for days were raving about the wonderful weather of Los Angeles.

NEW JERSEY . . .

The Northern Valley Club of the Deaf had a Christmas Festival at Nystrom's Restaurant on December 27. The club planned for about 50 people as many were expected to be away for the Christmas week-end, but nearly 100 people came. It brought 1952 to a successful end for the member of the club. Eleven new members joined that night. Games were played and prizes were awarded to the winners. For the Christmas Gift Guessing Game, Anita Maucere won a set of crystal wine glasses, Angelis Bordino won a box of face towels and Eilan McKey won guest towels. A Christmas Grand Award was won by Mrs. Marvin

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Summer Conventions

THE SILENT WORKER editors have scanned the school publications and great piles of correspondence but announcements of conventions to be held during the summer have been scarce this far. Below is a list of a number of state conventions and sports tournaments scheduled for the spring and summer months.

Eastern Assn. of Deaf Bowlers, New York City, April 11 and 12.

17th Annual Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Tournament, Chicago, Ill., April 24-26.

Minnesota Association of the Deaf, Faribault, May 30 - June 1.

22nd Reunion, Gallaudet College Alumni Assn., Washington, D.C., June 10-14.

Illinois Association of the Deaf, LaSalle, June 20, 21.

Indiana Association of the Deaf, Indianapolis, June 26-28.

36th Meeting, Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf, Vancouver, Wash., June 28 - July 3.

Arkansas Association of the Deaf, Little Rock, July 3-5.

Washington State Assn. of the Deaf, Spokane, July 4-7.

Texas Assn. of the Deaf, Waco, July 331 - Aug. 1 and 2.

South Carolina Assn. of the Deaf, Charleston, Aug. 6-9.

Kansas Assn. of the Deaf, Manhattan, Aug. 14-16.



MURIEL DVORAK, Editor

Chatter in 5th Anniversary

The B.P.G.D. *Chatter*, organ of the Brooklyn Protestant Guild of the Deaf, celebrated its 5th Anniversary on November 22 with a banquet in Foffe's Restaurant, next door to the club-room.

After the turkey dinner a message of welcome was tendered by Miss Muriel A. Dvorak, editor of the *Chatter*. Mr. Melish of Holy Trinity Church opened the dinner with grace and then later gave a short and inspiring speech, "... some of you have brought your best to 'The Chatter' — your time, your patience, your art, your writing; and, not least of all, the little notes of goings-on and happenings that are the very stuff of friendship. Into the wine-bowl, from your bottles has gone something sweet and substantial and precious, so that all have enjoyed what was put there for all..." Edmund Hicks acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Miss Annette Bonafede and Vincent Blend gave several amusing skits and on the insistence of her friends, Miss Bonafede 'signed' a song titled "Wine, Women, and Song".

A congratulatory message was received from Mrs. Edith Allerup Kleberg, former editor of the *Chatter*. George Bedford told an amusing story, after which Marcus L. Kenner and William K. Rodgers offered their congratulations and best wishes.

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Mr. and Mrs. Basedows and their four month old baby are now comfortably settled in their recently purchased home in Hawthorne, N. J.

The George Bedford's of Hackensack entertained relatives from Japan recently. They were an aunt and uncle, the uncle is a lieutenant Colonel who has been stationed in

Japan for several years as an 8th Army instructor. They are now staying in Texas pending further instructions from Washington. The uncle has been in the army for 22 years.

The Northern Valley Club had an election of new officers at the December meeting for the 1953 term. Richard Meyers of Fairlawn was elected President; Charles Good of Paterson, Vice-President; Florence Thoms of Fort Lee, secretary; and George Bedford of Hackensack was re-elected Executive Treasurer. Eleanor Bahan of Cresskill and Harold Hagaman of East Orange were elected to the Board of Directors. Due to the fact that February is "basketball month" the "Gay Nineties" affair will be held on March 7th instead of February as originally planned. It will be held at the V.F.W. Hall, River Edge, N. J. A bar at the rear of the Hall will satisfy thirsty drinkers.

Mr. and Mrs. Hillas held a New Year's Eve party on December 31st in the recreation room of their home.

Mrs. Bamman of Englewood was slightly injured in a fall while crossing the highway near Nystrom's last December 27 on her way to the Christmas party. She suffered a cut and bruised lip.

Mrs. Bouton has been ill for the past two weeks with something more serious than a common cold.

The Laro Club held their 15th Anniversary Banquet at the Robin Hood Inn, Clifton, N. J. Edgar Bloom, Jr. was the chairman, assisted by Mrs. Bloom, Harold and Susja Hagaman, Henry Stein, Jr., Helen Dyer and Joseph Dyer. Henry Stein showed a film titled "Life of

Laro Club", Harold Hagaman, Helen Dyer and Edgar Bloom gave a skit and Franz Ascher spoke on the history of the club.

The Golden Tornadoes Athletic Club for the Deaf from New York held a banquet at Nystrom's Restaurant in Paramus, N. J. on January 17. It was supervised by Charles Krampe and Herbert Fradin.

At the Northern Valley's Hallowe'en party at the V.F.W. Hall in River Edge, most of the patrons enjoyed going through the "Horror Passage" which was set up on the vacant lot adjoining the hall. A majority wore costumes; John Noll won first prize and his brother, Alfred won second prize.

It was a surprise to see William Hillas at the party. He was not yet out of the shock which he suffered due to his Columbus Day accident.

Mrs. Bouton of Clifton, N. J. sprained her ankle last November and had to have it taped up for four weeks. She has now fully recovered. Mrs. Bouton is in the choir of Newark and Paterson Church groups.

Keyl Memorial Lutheran Church for the Deaf at Newark sponsored a "Movie and Cake" night. It was supervised by Mr. and Mrs. Steibig.

Long Island Friday Night Girls Club had a little Hallowe'en Party at the home of Mrs. Jean Bedford in Hackensack. They were Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Hoffman, Mrs. Heinrich, Mrs. Rullo, Mrs. Schapira, Mary Betty Edmonds and Laura Roth. Mr. Rodgers and Mr. Blanchard kept George Bedford company in another room.

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The Northern Valley Club held another successful Christmas Festival on December 27 at Nystrom's. Games were played and lovely prizes were awarded the winners.

OREGON . . .

The Holidays saw a great many local residents taking advantage of the chance to hie themselves elsewhere for Christmas and the New Year. The John Wondrachs of Vancouver spent three weeks down around Los Angeles, Calif., and report that heavy fog kept them behind schedule throughout the trip. Madgelan Brounlow decided to mix business with pleasure and journeyed down to Los Angeles also where she was the guest of Ed. and Eleanor Martin. She attended to several details concerning the Portland Bowling Team of which she is Captain. The forthcoming bowling tourney will be in Los Angeles.

Moffitt Broun went down as far south as Oakland, Calif., where he visited Ray Schierman, a former Portland resident who moved south last year.

Agnes Moreau surprised husband Emil with a birthday party in his honor on January 15. The event was made even more enjoyable when Mr. and Mrs. Milland of Yakima, Wash., showed up for a short visit on their way back home from a month-long motor trip south to San Diego, Calif. Their arrival, tho' unexpected, was a glad surprise to the Moreaus and they joined in the celebration for Emil.

The Portland basketball team suffered de-

feat at the hands of the Vancouver B.C. boys in a recent game held in Portland, the first in several years that the Vancouver team has been able to play locally. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baim entertained with a large party at their home after the game to honor the Vancouver team's Captain, Bill Zenovitch, upon his birthday and Bill was a mighty pleased and surprised young man, we hear.

Mayhew Norton has taken up a rather unusual hobby, that of raising flowers and plants of every description with the accent on orchids. In fact, Mayhew's collection is now so large that the Norton's have built a greenhouse. "One way of keeping young and making life interesting is to cultivate a hobby," says Mayhew. And it could be that he is very right!

Sincere congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. James Paterson of Vancouver, Wash., who became parents for the first time when a husky baby boy arrived the 6th of December. The baby is their first.

KANSAS . . .

Victor Hottle, of Mulvane, says he will never forget the snow blizzard the day before Thanksgiving. He had to trample through the snow storm with biting sleet blowing into his eyes; he had to stop to give a shoulder push on a stalled school bus loaded with thirty kids and with a worried mind kept asking himself how he was to meet his daughter scheduled to arrive from Olathe. His walking partner dialed the radio from a car to find about the bus schedules, and Victor

was much relieved to learn the bus did not leave Olathe. The men found shelter at a farm for the night — just two among ten other refugees. Mr. Hottle got home around 4 in the afternoon, just in time to eat Thanksgiving dinner with his family. It was just eight miles from his home to the Beech Aircraft where he is employed, but it took him 24 hours to get home.

Otis Koehn, of Montezuma commutes to work in a '41 Chevy coupe which he recently bought. His wife drives the family car for her errands.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morgan and daughter left Wichita for Seattle, Wash., the 19th of December by car. Word has come saying Joe has a good job and they have found an apartment.

The annual Christmas party of the Wichita Club of the Deaf was held on the 13th of December and drew a good crowd.

Ivan Malm, son of the Joe Malms of Topeka and Sonny Stack, son of the Albert Stacks of Olathe, are attending Baker University at Baldwin this winter.

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Edward S. Foltz, coach and faculty teacher at the Louisiana School suffered a fracture of the leg near the knee when a bunch of boys playing football crashed into him. He was watching a certain other group when it happened. The cast was put on September 13 and was removed December 3rd.

Mrs. Frieda Meagher of Chicago spent several days as the guest of Miss Catherine Kilcoyne at Olathe.

Mrs. Luther Taylor of Jacksonville, Ill. flew to Wichita and spent her holiday vacation with her husband, Luther Taylor. She returned to her duties at the Illinois School January 4th.

Mrs. Georgianna Brown of Wichita flew to Kansas City to spend the four day holiday with friends and was brought back home by car on Sunday, December 28th.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry McGlynn of Hutchinson spent the Christmas weekend with her folks at Pleasanton, Kans. They helped welcome in the New Year at Kansas City Club for the Deaf and returned to Pleasanton for their baby boy and then home to Hutchinson.

The Wichita Frats sponsored a Watch party which was well-attended. A grand march was in progress when the gong for 12 sounded off. Cash door prizes, games for cash awards and good refreshments were had by all. The out of town visitors were numerous.

The Raymond Witlocks of Hutchinson attended the New Year's Eve party at the Kansas City Club for the Deaf.

Barbara Whitlock, spent the week of her Christmas holiday with her aunt and uncle at Augusta. Her parents, the Ray Whitlocks were over night guests of the Clarence Johnsons at Wichita January 3rd and brought Barbara back home with them.

Latest victims of measles are Wilma Lichtenberger and Vickie Thomas and Richard Vanatta. David Lichtenberger has gotten over trench mouth and was brought home from Abilene where he had been with his grandparents.

Mrs. Dean Vanatta of Wichita was a guest of honor at a stork shower at the home of Mrs. Everett Wimp on January 3rd. The hostess and her helpers, Mrs. George Harms and Mrs. Floyd Ellinger served delicious refreshments to eighteen ladies. Mrs. Vanatta received a nice layette for her third child due in February.

Ralph Vohs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Vohs of Kansas City, Mo. was promoted to a major and is on duty in Japan. A good reason for his parents to be proud.

The Executive Committee of the Kansas State Association of the Deaf wish to announce the dates of the next convention to be held August 14-15-16 in Manhattan, home of the Kansas State Agricultural College.

MISSOURI . . .

Elections held in January at the various clubs in Kansas City are as follows: Heart of America Club for the Deaf: Earl Smith, pres; Virgil Tate, 1st v-pres; Glenn Miller, 2nd v-pres; George Lancaster, secy; Walter Ripley, Treas. Kansas city chapter of the Missouri Association of the Deaf: Milton Johnson, pres; Harold Day, v-pres; Mrs. Maldalu Day, secy; Mrs. Lucille Murphy, treas. NFSD Div. No. 31: George Lancaster, pres; Milton Johnson, v-pres; Carl Wear, secy; Fred Murphy, treas; Earl Smith, director. Aux. Frat Div. No. 31: Mrs. Nellie Teaney, Pres; Mrs. Elsie Lancaster, v-pres; Mrs. Ella Dillenschneider, secy; Mrs. Thelma Dillenschneider, treas; Mrs. Maldalu Day, director.

Mrs. Ida Smoak of Leavenworth, Kan. carried her arm in a cast for several days after injuring it in her washing machine wringer on December 12th.

Mary, daughter of Mrs. Ida Adams and Bill Caldwell were married Sunday, December 28th at the First Baptist Church in Shawnee, Kan. There was a lovely reception and dance held at Paup's.

Ethel McArtor, daughter of Mrs. Edna McArtor was married to Richard Vaughan on December 25th.

Miss Ruth Miller, of the Washington School of the Deaf spent part of her Christmas vacation visiting her brother Edwin and family in Kansas City. She also attended the wedding of Peggy Stack and James Randall. Peggy's parents will receive a first hand description of the wedding when Miss Miller returns to Vancouver, Wash.

Josephine Lynn spent several days visiting relatives and friends in Sioux City, Iowa during the New Year weekend.

Mrs. Elsie Lancaster went to Phoenix, Ariz. on Dec. 24th to visit her sister and family and brother Carl Spencer who had been hospitalized for a kidney infection.

Mrs. Myrtle Byrne, mother of Mrs. Grace Wolfe has been staying with the Wolfes since December 20th. The Wolfes have moved into a new apartment in Mr. and Mrs. John Moore's home.

Virgil Tate is the proud owner of a 1952 Ford and the Jimmy Stokes have a 1952 four door Nash. Nice Christmas gifts.

Again Betty Weber travels — this time she attended the New Year's party in Dallas, Texas while visiting her sister and brother-in-law, the Milan Butlers.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Wright, of Toledo, Ohio, dropped in for a visit at the HACD New Year's Party. They were visiting relatives in St. Joseph and Kansas City and Olathe, Kansas. Other visitors to the KCCD during the holidays were the Larry McGlynn's, of Hutchinson, Kan; the Ralph Whitlocks of Hutchinson; Mrs. Georgianna Brown, of Wichita, Kan; the Billy Nedrows of Sabetha, Kan; the Herbert Votaws of Denver, Colo; the Luther Stacks of Baton Rouge, La; and Fred Schumaker, John Deuel and Joe Carrico, all of St. Louis, Mo.

Peggy Stack of St. Louis, Mo. and James

Randall, of Olathe, Kan. were united in marriage by the Rev. Babbs in the First Christian Church in Olathe on December 20th. Miss Mary Williamson, of St. Louis and Jack Randall of Olathe were the attendants. A world of good wishes go with the newlyweds to Washington, D.C. where they are making their home while Jimmy finishes his education at Gallaudet.

Mrs. Wava Hambel has returned home from a five week stay in the hospital. She was unable to attend her brother's funeral December 21st in Ruthen, Iowa. Her sister, Mrs. Donald Hyde and Mr. Hyde attended the funeral. Their brother was killed by a hit and run driver in New Mexico while on the way to California.

The KCCD basketball team lost to Des Moines in a game on January 10. The score was 84 to 58. We now have a new player — Ivan Malm, who attends Baker University in Baldwin, Kan. He was rejected by the army because of his hearing, Ivan is the son of the Joe Malms of Topeka, Kan.

Vital Statistics

Mr. and Mrs. William Granek, New York, N. Y., Nov. 3, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Henry, Warren, Ohio, Nov. 5, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Orveal Gilbert, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 9, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gaines, New Orleans, La., Nov. 9, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. August Moore, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 11, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brower, Des Moines, Iowa, Nov. 12, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. James McAlister, Sumter, S. C., Nov. 16, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gesualdi, Providence, R. I., Nov. 19, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Luverne Ortman, Detroit, Mich., Nov. 21, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Tough, Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 24, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Chittum, Baltimore, Md., Nov. 24, twin boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Erickson, Sioux Falls, S. D., Nov. 24, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Achilles Zuzzelli, Detroit, Mich., Dec. 2, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Halpren, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 3, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. James Paterson, Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 6, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Falberg, Racine, Wisc., Dec. 8, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Landry, Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 9, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham, Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Servold, Larchwood, Iowa, Dec. 16, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lankenau, Akron, Ohio, Dec. 17, a girl.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Patterson, Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 18, a boy.
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 Rev. and Mrs. Silas J. Hirte, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20, a girl.
 Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cormon, Alexandria, Va., Dec. 21, a girl.
 Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hagerman, Thompson Falls, Mont., Dec. 22, a girl.
 Mr. and Mrs. Berchard E. Fisher, Niagara Falls, N. Y., Dec. 25, a girl.
 Mr. and Mrs. Joe Myklebust, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Dec. 27, a boy.
 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swafford, Jr., Belleville, Ill., Dec. 31, a girl.
 Mr. and Mrs. Leo Skelton, Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 12, a boy.
 Mr. and Mrs. James M. Potter, Sr., Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 16, a boy.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilson, Austin, Tex., Jan. 20, a boy.
 Mr. and Mrs. Burchel Smith, Detroit, Mich., Jan. 24, a boy.

MARRIAGES:

Kenneth M. Crush, Allentown, Pa., and Verna F. Gross, Sellersville, Pa., Nov. 15.
 Howard Schulke and Jeanne Schuster, Camas, Wash., Nov. 21.
 Oscar W. Shirley, Jr., and Mildred Shawanokasie, Hartford, Conn., Nov. 22.
 Jesse Horenstein, Rockaway Beach, N. Y., and Minnie Miller, Bronx, N. Y., Dec. 7.
 Arthur Diehl, Columbus, Ohio, and Lucille Caldwell, Romney, W. Va., Dec. 12.
 Paul E. Phillips and Charoni Marlow, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 13.
 James Randall, Olathe, Kansas, and Peggy Stack, St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.
 Tom Mitchell and Mabelene Tolebert, Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 22.
 Jeff Reed and Mrs. Alice Srampley, Austin, Tex., Dec. 23.
 Willie Taylor and Juanita LeGros, Lake Charles, La., Dec. 27.
 Charles W. Sears and Theresa Ann Pietrantona, Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 27.
 William Hall and Carol Dorrity, Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 10.
 Donald McCune, San Jose, Calif., and Miss Constance Turner, Orinda, Calif., Jan. 14.
 Lloyd Williams and Miss Barbara Slaton, Austin, Tex., Jan. 17.
 John Carlin and Dianne DeGraffenreid, Hollywood, Calif., Feb. 14.

DEATHS:

William A. Rowe, Jr., 45, Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 12.
 Alfred C. Brossard, Teaneck, N. J., Dec. 17.
 Moses W. Loew, 82, New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.
 Elmer Moore, Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 21.
 Mrs. Carrie Stafford Wills, Glendale, Calif., Dec. 24.
 Robert J. Ensinger, 69, Toronto, Can., Dec. 24.
 Mrs. Gussie Sallis Hennigan, 74, Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 28.
 Annie L. Bradley, 77, Akron, Ohio, Dec. 30.
 Ovide Fecteau, 83, Boston, Mass., Dec. 31.
 Jacob Vogelhund, 82, Hillsboro, Ohio, Jan. 1.
 William P. O'Brien, 64, Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.
 William M. Boular, 81, Atchison, Kan., Jan. 4.
 William C. Rubeling, 81, St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 4.
 Otis L. Clark, 77, Scranton, Pa., Jan. 5.
 Thomas E. Noble, 60, Toronto, Can., Jan. 6.
 James L. Bennett, 51, Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 10.
 Miss Angeline Buras, 84, Nairne, La., Jan. 17.
 Mrs. Evelyn Modisett, Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 17.
 William G. Falls, 84, Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.
 Lawrence N. Yolles, 40, Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 19.
 Peter T. Hughes, 75, Fulton, Mo., Jan. 20.



CHECKMATE!

By
 "Loco" Ladner



Was a book on chess, the first book ever printed in England? Historians do not agree on which of these books was the first: "Historyes of Troye" or "The Game and Playe of Chesse", both of which were printed by William Caxton. England's first printer, in 1474 or 1475. The "Historyes" is about the fall of Troy while the chess volume is a translation from the French by Jehan de Vignay.

Either book would be difficult to read in these days because of the old style method of spelling in which u's and v's are interchangeable and the n's are sometimes u's upside down.

Flash

Dunn just scored a win over Stevenson in Section Six to spoil Steve's perfect score. Right now it looks like a neck and neck race down the home stretch among Dunn (5-1); Stevenson (6-1) and Rosenkjar (4-1). Remaining games are: Stevenson-Rosenkjar and Dun-Rosenkjar (two games).

Ratings

The world's chess players are rated according to strength as displayed in tournaments and matches. Those considered the best are given the title of "Grandmaster". Those a little below are called "International Master." Then follows plain "Master." Some still below are rated as "Expert." America has only two Grandmasters: Samy Reshevsky and Reuben Fine. Russia has at least a dozen, due to the fact that chess is a national game subsidized by the government. We are thinking of establishing a rating system for our deaf players. What do you think of this idea?

Game of the Month

Two formidable opponents battle tooth and nail! Finally Kannapell slips and Font seizes upon the miscue to force the win:

Sicilian Defense

(Modern Dragon Variation)

Black R. H. Kannapell 11. P-KR3
 White J. F. Font 12. PxB
 1. P-K4 P-QB4 13. BxNch
 2. N-KB3 P-Q3 14. N-B3
 3. P-Q4 PxP 15. K-K2
 4. NxP N-KB3 16. Q-K4
 5. N-QB3 P-KN3 17. P-N5
 6. P-B4(a) B-N2?(b) 18. Q-Q4
 7. P-K5!(c) PxP(d) 19. B-K3
 8. PxP B-N5 20. Q-R4ch
 9. B-N5ch QN-Q2 21. Q-N3
 10. Q-Q3 N-N1 22. RxP Resigns(e)

Notes by the Chess Editor

(a) The usual continuation is 6.B-K2 or 6. P-KN3. The text move underwent extensive analysis by the Russians.

(b) Falling into the trap. The correct move is 6. . . . N-B3, giving Black a satisfactory game.

(c) This gives White a clear advantage in all variations according to Russian analysis.

(d) Moving the Knight is no better. For example, 7 . . . N-N1; B-N5 check, forcing K-B1.

(e) A piece behind and with a shattered position, Black throws in the sponge. 22 . . . RxP leads to 23. QxN check, followed by 24. QxR. All this because of the wrong response to 6. P-B4.

Black can find some consolation in the fact that a famous master, I. Kashdan, fell into the same trap in his game against H. Pilnik (New York, 1948).

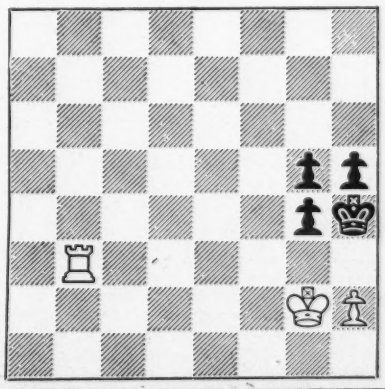
Names

If you want to become a master chess player, you have a better chance if you change your name so it cannot be pronounced. Here are the names of a few chess players who won fame, if not by their games, then by their names: Alekhine, Bogolyubov, Capablanca, Dushotimirski, Eliskases, Flohr, Greco, Hromadka, Il jin-Genevsky, Janowski, Kieseritsky, Labouronnais, Marocczy, Nimzovich, Przepiorka, Reshevsky, Steinitz, Tchigorin, Ulvestad, Vidmar, Winawer, Yanofsky, Znosko-Borovsky. It seems as if the "sky is the limit."

The Ending

The solution to last month's ending by Reti: 1. K-N7, P-R5; 2. K-B6, P-R6; 3. K-K6!, P-R7; 4. P-B7 and draws. If 1. . . . K-N3; 2. K-B6, P-R5; 3. K-K5!, P-R6; 4. K-Q6 and draws. Try it and see. Here is the ending for this month. It is not difficult.

BLACK



WHITE

White to play and Win.

AAAD HALL OF FAME PROSPECTS . . .

THE MARXER STORY

By "Rastus"

(Editor's Note: This is one of a series of articles on Deafdom's outstanding prospects for the AAAD Hall of Fame.)

After six great seasons as shepherd of the Des Moines Silent Club basketball team, Larry Marxer is retiring. The 30-year-old, 6-foot-2-inch, 190-pound cager hung up his basketball outfit for good at the conclusion of the AAAD national basketball tournament at Houston last year.

"The loss of Marxer would be a tremendous blow to the team," said crestfallen teammates. "You know how we feel about Larry — he's 'Mr. Des Moines Silent Club' himself.")

THE DES MOINES SILENT CLUB, National Basketball champion, will field a team this season, and though it will include most of the stars of the last few seasons, the main cog in its spectacular winning streak, which carried it through six consecutive Midwest Regional tournaments, and three times to the National crown, has harkened to the voice of Father Time, and has turned in his suit. Father Time, alone, could not stop him, for when the last whistle blew at the Houston AAAD tournament, and the "Iron Men" had again copped the crown, Larry Marxer hied himself back to his home in Shreveport, Louisiana, and put himself under a doctor's care.

This writer, who never had an opportunity to meet Larry until he started playing basketball with the Des Moines club, believes that Larry is probably the most wonderful athlete ever to graduate at the Iowa school for the deaf. Though records are incomplete, still, those obtainable through various sources prove his right to that distinction. It is true that some of the old timers at the school were wonderful athletes, and excelled in the different sports: Some, after leaving the school, had try-outs with professional baseball teams, and some made names for them-

selves in inter-city competition in both baseball and football, but all this was before the AAAD came into existence, and they received but little attention in papers published for the deaf. Records were not available, and there was but little interest in inter-city or interstate competition between deaf athletes, as but few large cities could boast of a club run by, and for the deaf. At present, with clubs all over the country, deaf athletes are becoming nationally known.

Before leaving for Houston, Larry visited a doctor in Des Moines, and was told to return in a few days for further examination; diagnosis, just a cold. Larry, confident that he could snap out of any cold, did not return. Had he returned for more thorough examination, it is quite possible that his services would have been lost to the Des Moines club, and Troy Hill's marvelous prediction would have gone hay-wire. In Shreveport, his physician found him suffering from a serious gland trouble, and performed one major operation, and several minor ones, and he took numerous X-ray treatments, which though successful, left him no alternative but to refrain from all vigorous exercise. To Larry, who had always made sports a major part of his existence, the doctor's



Above, Larry Marxer dwarfs Rastus in this picture taken at Larry's home in Shreveport. Between them stands Mrs. Rastus. "Rastus" is the pen name for Charles Ross Koons, Sr.

orders were virtually akin to a death sentence, but he is rapidly becoming adjusted to life minus competition, though he has not lost interest, and his recuperative powers will no doubt put him back in the running in the next Midwest Deaf Golf Association tournament, and later, we would not be surprised to see him acting as coach for the Des Moines Silent Club basketball team. That is our fondest hopes, but let us start at the beginning.

Away back in the spring of 1937, at the Iowa school for the deaf, a tall, gangling dark haired youth of 15 years of age came out for track. Coach Cecil Scott was immediately attracted to him, for he was one youth who looked and acted like an all around athlete, and who was not afraid to leave the ground. Naturally graceful, he made difficult maneuvers look comparatively easy, and he accepted advice from the coach without question. Acting upon this advice made him the most talked about athlete in the southwest part of Iowa at the time. Modest, and of a retiring disposition, he was never one to boast of his accomplishments, taking them as a matter of course, which did not prevent sports writers from singing his praises, and probably no other deaf athlete has received such glowing notices as Larry Marxer, Jr., all of which he richly deserved.

Let us look at the records of his five years of competition at the school, which, though incomplete, show some of his accomplishments.



Left, the Rev. Homer E. Grace presents a trophy to Larry Marxer, selected as most valuable player in the Midwest Athletic Association of the Deaf basketball tournament at Denver, Colo., in 1949.

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In 1937 at the Pottawattamie County Grade School Play Day, he won the standing broad jump, and the basketball far throw.

In 1938, in a dual meet with the Nebraska school for the deaf, he took first in the pole vault and third in the high jump.

In the Southwestern Iowa Junior High School Meet in 1938, he took first in the high jump, first in the 60-yard high hurdles, and third in the 120-yard low hurdles.

During the 1938-39 basketball season, his first year as a varsity player, Larry racked 'em in at a 14.3 per game clip — 229 points in 16 games. This average does not show his brilliance, for everyone was trying to stop him, and his highest total for one game was 30 points.

He won letters for track and basketball competition in 1939. And in 1940 the All American Schools for the Deaf Athletic Board awarded him a Certificate, placing him on the All-American Deaf team in basketball. The Certificate was signed by Edward S. Foltz, coach of Kansas, J. Frederick Meagher, sports writer of Chicago, George W. Harlow, coach of Mt. Airy, Harry L. Baynes, coach of Alabama, and John Wilkerson, sports writer of Emporia, Kansas.

In 1940, at a high school track and field meet at Red Oaks, Iowa, Larry won the high jump, with a leap of 6 feet and 2 inches, a record which still stands. This is also a national schools for the deaf record which also is yet to be broken. With his prodigious feat in the high jump Larry was awarded honor of being THE SILENT WORKER'S "Athlete of the Year."

He won his football letter in 1940, and in 1941, The Council Bluffs Nonpareil named Larry on the first team of the All Southwest Iowa High School Cage crew.

Marxer's dream was finally realized when he led the Des Moines Silent Club five to its first national AAAD championship in the tournament held at Oakland, California, in 1949. Players on this first titular team were, left to right, front, Roger Dempewolf, Dale Van Hemert, Coach Louis Brundige, Larry Marxer, Larry Bucholz. Rear: Don Ross, Nick Routans, Mgr. Albert Hjortshoj, Burnett Lillard, Leroy Good, Wilbur Sawhill.

From 1936 to 1941, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Minnesota, and Kansas, each year staged a Midwest Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament, and it was not until 1941 that Iowa was able to win the championship, mostly due to Marxer's playing. The elongated Iowa forward, by the way, was the high-point man of the tourney, accounting for 45 points in the three games his team played. Incidentally, it was Marxer's last year in the Midwest meet, he having been placed on the Midwest all-tourney first team for three consecutive years.

(The team passed up the National Schools for the Deaf basketball tournament in Jacksonville, Ill., March 10, 1941. Coach Scott said his players had played 25 games, competing in three tournaments, and had won 22 of the 25 games, including tournament play, and he thought that was enough for one season.)

That year Larry had the best average of inter-city district players, and his 218 points in 16 games ranked second in total scoring. He won scoring honors in that loop the previous year in 1940.

On April 5, 1941, Larry achieved 6 feet in the high jump to a new state high school indoor record at Iowa University. After all Class B jumpers had dropped out of the competition and the final Class A jumper had withdrawn at 5 feet 9 inches, Larry went on alone to better his 1940 state indoor record of 5 feet 11 inches. After he won first in every meet his school entered, Larry was defeated for the first time when he was placed second in the state outdoor meet. In the high hurdles he was consistently timed in at least 15 seconds, and he also went over 6 feet in the high jump several times. In the national schools for the deaf mythical track and field meet conducted by Art Kruger, Larry took three first places —



Latest picture of the Larry Marxers, taken at Cross Lake, near Shreveport, La., especially for THE SILENT WORKER.

high jump, 120-yard high hurdles and 200-yard low hurdles. Incidentally, it was his last year in track competition.

Larry's proud mother has 28 medals, which he won in track performances, during his school days, and all this time he was keeping his Academic record in good shape, for in 1941 the Academic Department of the school awarded him a certificate in recognition of outstanding qualities of sportsmanship, and he graduated with his class.

Larry was the Iowa deaf threat for three consecutive seasons, and very seldom failed to finish a game under the 15 or 20 mark. Tall and lanky, he used his long legs to advantage, and was able to cover the basketball court with plenty of speed. Most of his points were gained through rebound tip-ins, but he was also adept at long shots.

Larry's parents were divorced when he was but a youth, and both later mar-



ried, his father remaining in Des Moines, and his mother residing in Shreveport, La. Larry, therefore, had two separate and distinct homes, and both of his parents were proud of his athletic ability, and encouraged his every desire in that direction, which explains his ability to play with the Des Moines Silent Club, while residing in Shreveport. He kept in condition by playing with a hearing team in Shreveport, and in the seven years that he played with them, they won the crown in their league six times. Whenever Des Moines had a game scheduled, he was sure to be on hand, even to plane travel when necessary. Larry flew to the Omaha and Denver MAAD tournaments, and his kindness to other team members often made it possible for them to be with the team.

Larry's high jump record still stands for high school competition, and in his six years of AAAD basketball competition, he was placed either on the first or the second All-Star team every year. Modest and unassuming off the court, he was virtually a tiger when in action, though he seldom fouled out. He knew the rules of the game, and followed them to the letter, and I have never seen him dispute a referee's decision, even though he knew it was wrong. This spirit of sportsmanship, instilled in the other team members, made the Des Moines team the best mannered team on any floor.

After helping Des Moines win its first national title at the 1949 tournament in Oakland, Calif., Larry came to Des Moines to live, helping his father in business. On May 7, 1949, he married his schoolmate Fern Davis, and they are a supremely happy couple. Fern also won a letter in basketball in 1940 at the Iowa school, so they have much in common.

This writer regrets that this article falls far short of telling all of Larry's accomplishments in athletics, and though the writer probably could not even qualify as water boy, he does have certain other abilities, and through the admiration and respect for Larry and teammates, has worked with Larry towards the success of the team. In conclusion, let me state that in my opinion, Larry's all around playing ability, and outstanding sportsmanship at all times have done wonders toward making the MAAD and the AAAD the fine sports organization that they are.

P.S. Wilbur Sawhill, coach and player on our last season's team, also has retired, and was married on Thanksgiving Day, to Ruth Herbold Wilhelm. They spent their honeymoon with the Marxers in Shreveport. Wilbur says Larry now weighs 212 pounds, and is continually talking of making a comeback, but we will have to wait a year, and sincerely hope that he can do it.

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"I Should Know — I Once Lived There . . ."



With the turn of the year, new events take place. General Eisenhower took oath as the 13th President of the United States, the Republican Party is in power, business is good and employment at its peak, the American Athletic Association of the Deaf started a new leaf — its eighth chapter — and sports, especially basketball, is on a boom activity again. These days all sporting eyes are focussed on Milwaukee, Wis. As host to the 9th annual national basketball tournament, sanctioned by the AAAD, the Beer City, as it is sometimes called, befits this attention.

The nation's hardwood show of shows among deaf regional champion teams is scheduled for March 26-28, 1953. The AAAD will again convene and will probably see a new cage champion emerge. Milwaukee is not "green" in big time function management. Milwaukee Silent Club with Larry N. Yolles at the helm has already carved its name in sports annals for its huge success during the Great Lakes Deaf Bowling Association tourney in 1947 and the Central Athletic Association of the Deaf basketball tourney in 1949. No doubt, Milwaukee is set for another history making tourney.

The Beer City at a glimpse . . . over 100 years old (incorporated Jan. 31, 1846) . . . 51 square miles . . . present population is 637,392 according to 1950 census . . . ranks 11th among large cities in the nation . . . average temperature around March is between 30 and 42 degrees . . . home of Schlitz, Blatz, Pabst, Miller High Life breweries; Marquette University, Milwaukee Brewers (American Association Baseball Club), Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., famed lake front, etc.

Visitors will find Milwaukee a natural meeting place. Hospitality there has always made top hits with all guests. Thirty-three-year-old Milwaukee Silent Club located at 755 N. Plankinton Ave., is the cozy hangout of the local dwellers and will be the scene of much activity. Hotel Schroeder (W. Wisconsin Ave. and N. 5th St.) will be the headquarters. The tournament games will be played at Pius XI High School (135 N. 76th St.) and \$6.00 is the sole cost for the season pass.

It will be good to plan to be present at the Beer City and enjoy its genuine hospitality.

Time and again I have been confronted with queries as to what effect

my "ballyhooing" AAAD activities, personnel, tournaments and the like would have when I could be sitting pretty at a poker game or whiling away the time in the easy chair. I have been told that I endure a man-killing job and such fits professional politicians and so on. My friends probably do not see beyond the picture as the AAAD leaders and I do. Perhaps they do not feel the effect of eight years' improvement in organizational work, club unity, sports interests, expanded activity, increased funds, etc. They probably haven't learned to appreciate the game of basketball, invented by Dr. James Naismith, then physical director at the YMCA college in Springfield, Mass., in 1891. Basketball today is being played in 49 nations and is attended by a hundred million spectators. Around twenty million persons play it throughout the world and the rules have been translated in about twenty-five different languages. Deafdom's hardwood activity never was so good till the AAAD was established and swept the nation to enroll some 95 member clubs and over 895 registered players in its fold. Then followed the parade of national tournaments from coast to coast, Akron down to Houston, and still many more to come. Despite the conceptions of our friends we have faith in the AAAD as the stalwart champion of progress in our midst.

Joining the AAAD's parade as the 9th annual host to the national hardwood classics we have Milwaukee and her brethren for thrills in 1953. No finer host could be asked. The doings of the weekend of March 26-28 are going to materialize into a huge success, mark our word. We know Milwaukee, having lived, worked and served there.

Once in the gym, you'll practically live there. Pius XI High School gym is one of the newest, most modern gymnasiums in the Middle West, seating 3,500. There is a canteen, a 1000-seat capacity cafeteria and wardrobe for 1,000 persons. After the games, floor show and dancing will be held there. You'll like this kind of atmosphere for a change and you'll rave about Milwaukee's hospitality.

And while on the subject of the basketball sport, which has turned out to be AAAD's number one spectator game, you are being served with the calibre of the nation's best teams and the grueling nature of the sport, sanctioned by a fast progressing organization.



The five iron men of the 1943 Gallaudet College basketball team who played through the entire Mason-Dixon tournament to win the conference championship after winning only four of the thirteen games on their regular schedule. The Associated Press recognized the skill and courage of these five men by picking the whole shebang, kit and kaboodle, for its all-conference, all-star team. That was no hollow honor. Left to right: Don Padden, '45; Earl Roberts, '43; Paul Baldrige, '44; Roy Holcomb, '47; Hal Weingold, '43.

Remember when . . .

Gallaudet's "Iron Man" Basketball Champs, Amazing Winners of Mason-Dixon Title

By Herb Schreiber

SOME YEARS BACK an event occurred which echoed throughout the world, when Mrs. O'Leary's cow booted one high, wide and handsome and fulfilled a burning ambition. And so it was with Gallaudet's Blue Bison "Iron Men," who in March, 1943, captured the Mason-Dixon Basketball Tournament crown — thus setting fire to the deaf world for a time.



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For the record, the final game saw the Bisons edging out the University of Delaware five, 42-40, to climax an uphill fight against such formidable teams as Loyola, Randolph-Macon, American University, Western Maryland, and Catholic University. By comparison with the big name colleges these may not be much, but in the Mason-Dixon Conference of that year they were powerhouse teams, and rightly so.

The Blue Bisons, playing straight through three rounds without rest, and without a defeat, were dubbed "The Iron-Man Five" by Washington sports writers. First off, there was Hal Weingold, a Wisconsin product, whose hook

shots time and again put the Bisons ahead when the pace appeared to be telling on the team. No less spectacular were Paul Baldrige of Utah and Earl Roberts of Missouri, tallying 12 and 16 points, respectively, in the finals. Don Padden, Minnesota, and Roy Holcomb, Texas, rounded out the five Iron Men.

At season's end, the Gallaudet team record was four won, eleven lost, finishing eighth in the ten-team conference. Such a record was appalling, particularly to the Bison coach, James E. Sullivan, a graduate of Center College in Kentucky. Perhaps it was Sullivan's Irish heritage that spurred the team on. At a heated moment in the tourney, someone tapped Sullivan from behind. Sullivan, his face showing the strain, whirled around with a snarl, his right hand going quick-like to his back pocket. The tapper showed startled surprise. Sullivan, recognizing the tapper and noticing his frightened face, said, "This is where I keep my rabbit's foot."

The following clipped from *The Buff Blue* ten years ago:

The colorful Blues, definitely unseeded and rated last spot in the eight team elimination,

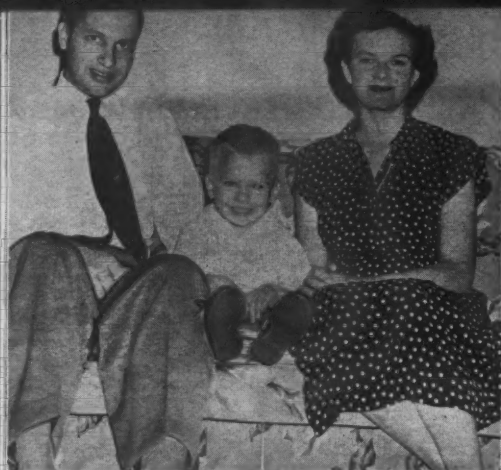
Right, Hal and Jean Weingold and their two tykes. Mrs. Weingold is the former Jean Smith, a graduate of the Iowa School. She also attended Gallaudet.

made no bones about their determination to go places and do things the very first night, handily jouncing the heavily favored Randolph-Macon quintet out of the tourney. This same team from Virginia had beaten Gallaudet twice during the regular season, but was decisively steam-rolled by the Blues in the most important tussle.

Then, seeking to prove that their victory over the potent Yellow Jackets was no fluke, Coach Sullivan's cagers took on a tartar in the American University Eagles for their semi-final round the next evening, and won their second victory in as many days. The contest was a close one all the way through, and must have been a very surprising one to the Eagles, who have looked upon the Blues as "easy marks" for the past two years, having beaten Gallaudet rather shamefully four times in that space of time.

Finally, with a packed grandstand of enthusiastic fans howling vociferous approval, the Blues met and took the measure of Delaware





Gallaudet's present cage coach, Don Padden, with Mrs. Don and son Bobby as they appear today. Don is still playing basketball, this time for the DCCD team.

in the finals, winning the second straight Mason-Dixon championship of the year for Gallaudet, the mill and dale barriers having won the diadem earlier in the annum. This last game was the closest ever played by a Gallaudet team. Although the Bisons thundered along in the lead throughout most of the contest, the Delawarians were never more than six points in arrears, and kept creeping closer and the last few minutes of play was a virtual free for all, with the lead switching back several times before stopping on the Gallaudet side of the score board. Final score was 42 to 40.

One of the most unusual features about the tournament was the surprising stamina of the lads from Gallaudet. Coach Sullivan started his regular five stars when the whistle blew to start the first game, and those five played every minute of the time until the championship was theirs, nary a single substitution was made, nor was there a need for any. The Bisons played together like some well-oiled machine, showing a brand of basketball usually denied to such tiny sites of learning as Gallaudet.

The first game, Thursday, March 5, 1943, found the Blues knocking over Randolph-Macon. In this contest, fresh, and out for vengeance, the Bisons simply stampeded over the gents from Virginia, winning by a 48 to 37 score. Lanky Earl Roberts, ambidextrous center, and lefty Hal Weingold shared the spotlight in leading their team to this first and all important victory. Roberts was unbelievably accurate, sinking eight field goals and one free throw for a total of seventeen

points, while Weingold, showing his best style that won him "All-American" fame when he was with the Wisconsin School for the Deaf, came close behind with fourteen tallies, followed by long short artist Don Padden, with ten.

The next game, with the Eagles from cross-town American University, found the Bisons on the long end of the score once again. The contest, played Friday, the sixth, was a close one for the most part, although the Eagles ran up a 19 to 4 lead early in the contest. This time Hal Weingold proved to be the big gun of the devastating attack of the Bisons, with five field goals and three free throws, totaling thirteen points. He just nosed out Preparat Roy Holcomb, who amassed twelve, while Capt. Paul Baldrige, floor leader and dead shot, and Center Roberts came next with nine and eight respectively. The final score was 45 to 40 in favor of the Blues.

In the early stages of the game the victors played man-to-man defense, but that proved not to bother the rampaging Eagles a bit, and before the Bisons were able to snort a 19 to 4 lead had been piled up against them. Switching to zone defense, with which they are more familiar, the Blues soon began overhauling the high riding Eagles and passed them in the third quarter, never to be headed. The climax came when George, of Fulger to Zuras to Basket and Company, was ejected from the game via fouls. With him in the game it was anybody's contest, but with him gone the Bisons had an edge, although it wasn't much, and kept it.

The final game, played on Saturday night, with a goodly portion of the college crowd in Baltimore for the gala occasion of seeing Gallaudet in the "big time," was the closest of all three, although the Bisons won out, in the end, to keep their string of victories intact, and end one of the most thrilling battles against up-hill odds that the Baltimore sports writers had ever witnessed. This game was a see-saw battle all the way through, both teams definitely "hot," but oh — so — tired!

Delaware, keenly aware that Weingold must be bottled up, took good care of the hook shot artist throughout the entire contest and held him to six points. Roberts, however, was too much for the opponents, as he tanked his shots from all over the court, no matter where. He paced the scoring for the locals with sixteen points, closely followed by Captain Baldrige, who played one of the finest games of his career, both defensively and offensively, and accounted for twelve points in the margin.

The Associated Press recognized the Gallaudet five by picking not one, not



Earl and Ruth Roberts. Mrs. Roberts is the former Ruth Benoit, one of the three Benoit sisters who graduated from the Kansas School for the Deaf and attended Gallaudet College. Earl is director of athletics at the Michigan School and is a center on the Flint Assn. of the Deaf five. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have three young sons, all potential basketball material.

two, but FIVE Iron Men, Weingold, Roberts, Baldrige, Padden and Holcomb for the All-Conference team. This was an honor, indeed!

Upon graduation, four of the Iron Men went on to teach and coach at schools for the deaf: Baldrige at Arizona and Missouri; Padden at Gallaudet; Holcomb at South Dakota, and Roberts at Michigan. The fifth, Weingold, is a pressman in Birmingham, Michigan.

Season's Record

Gallaudet	Opp.
28 — Loyola College	50
20 — John Hopkins University	30
33 — Catholic University	34
26 — Quantico Marines	71
43 — American University	60
42 — Bridgewater College	38
41 — Randolph-Macon College	58
45 — Catholic University	51
39 — Naval Air Station	53
32 — Wilson Teachers College	31
46 — American University	56
51 — Baltimore University	30
47 — Bridgewater College	31
34 — Wilson Teachers College	53
50 — Randolph-Macon College	54

Mason-Dixon Tournament

48 — Randolph-Macon College	39
45 — American University	40
42 — University of Delaware	40

Individual Scoring

	GF	FT	T	AV.
Weingold	42	12	96	5.4
Roberts	54	20	128	7.1
Baldrige	63	27	153	8.5
Padden	44	16	104	5.8
Holcomb	78	18	174	9.7

The Paul Baldrige family. Mrs. Baldrige is the former Peggy Hatch of Washington, D.C. Paul played his last basketball game when his Tucson, Arizona, club set a new scoring record in the AAAD national basketball tournament at Indianapolis in 1951, which still stands. He was president of the Farwest Athletic Assn. for two years, and coached for five years at the Arizona School. He is now printing instructor in the Missouri School.



National Association of the Deaf

Byron B. Burnes, President

Robert M. Greenmun, Sec.-Treas.

Report on the Home Office Campaign

The report for this month has been prepared by Rene Epding, NAD Home Office Manager. Mrs. Epding had been assisting with preparation of the regular reports submitted by our late First Vice President Larry Yolles and she will compile them hereafter.

Due to the moving of records from Mr. Yolles' home to the Chicago office of the NAD, it may be that a few errors will appear in some of the figures, although extreme care has been taken to make them as accurate as possible. If any contributor's name is missing from the lists, or if the figures are incorrect, the NAD office should be informed.

The period from December to January 20 saw a gain of 127 life members and an increase in the funds amounting to \$1,873.55.

Life Members 2817
Net Balance \$37,474.39
Pledges 12,521.00

Life Membership

Pledges 3,460.00
Total \$53,455.39

Toledo Plans Rally

A number of rallies are on the program for the coming months, but the only one for which we have definite dates at this time is that at Toledo, Ohio, to take place on May 23, sponsored by the Toledo Deaf Club, 1108½ Adams Street.

Second Vice President Dave Peikoff will be present as guest speaker and the program will offer a number of short skits.

Edward M. Hetzel, 1385 Berdan Avenue, Toledo, who is in charge of the rally, promises a good time for all, and urges that everyone attend and help boost the Home Office campaign.

Recent rallies were held at Binghamton, N. Y., Fort Worth, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona.

A rally at Binghamton, New York (their second), on Feb. 21 was a remarkable success for a small group. We are informed by Mahlon Hoag that cash receipts were \$183.50 and \$567.50 was pledged. A feature of this rally was a television program, which will be reported in our next issue.

Schedule of Membership Fees and Dues

Annual Membership, \$2.00.
Life Membership: Jan. 1, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953, \$15.00. After Jan. 1, 1954, \$20.00.
Century Club (open to any person, couple, association, etc.), \$100.00.
Affiliation (for state associations, clubs, and other groups), \$10.00 or more annually.

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(Figures in parentheses indicate amount paid on pledge of \$100 unless otherwise indicated)

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Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Franz L. Ascher (\$20)
Mrs. Elizabeth Bacheberle (\$35)
Mr. & Mrs. R. Frank Baxter (\$10)
Mr. & Mrs. Don Berke (\$25)
Mr. & Mrs. Edmund J. Berigan (\$35)
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Mr. & Mrs. Carey C. Shaw (\$20)
Pershing J. Sherrill (\$10)
Wilson W. Sherrill (\$10)
Carl E. Shown (\$20)

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence E. Simpson (\$5)
Carl W. Spencer (\$10)
John E. Stone (\$10)
Carlton B. Strail (\$1)
Mr. & Mrs. F. B. Sullivan (\$70)
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Summerson (\$1)
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Odie W. Underhill (\$10)
James B. Valentine (\$1)
Angela Watson (\$25)
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Mr. & Mrs. Adolphus Yoder (\$40)
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Mr. & Mrs. Carl G. Ayling (\$1 on \$10)
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Mr. & Mrs. Ignatius Froncek (\$1 on \$50 Pledge)
Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Hodgson (\$20 on \$50 Pledge)
Samuel Intrator (\$10 Pledge)
Miss Margaret Kelley (\$16 on \$1 Monthly Pledge)
Mr. & Mrs. Jack H. Kinney (\$5 Pledge)
Mr. & Mrs. Myron A. Leenhouts (\$10 Pledge)
Mr. & Mrs. Robert L. Miller (\$25 on \$70 Pledge)
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Vigeant (\$50 Pledge)
Miss Elvira Wohlstrom (\$5 on \$20 pledge)

NOTE: When pledges are paid in part or in full from time to time, pledger's name will be placed in proper column.

When one's donations aggregate \$100 or more, his name will be transferred to The National Association of the Deaf **CENTURY CLUB**



RENE EPDING

Rene Epding, Office Manager

As a result of the sudden death of First Vice President Yolles, a certain amount of reorganization of the N.A.D. Home Office has been necessary. This has been accomplished and the office has continued to function with no disruption of its activities.

Mrs. Rene Epding, who has been full-time secretary in the office since October, has been appointed Office Manager, in complete charge of the Office. Having been closely associated with Mr. Yolles while he was director of the Office, Mrs. Epding is thoroughly familiar with the many details of the work and the N.A.D. is fortunate that she was able to take charge in the emergency.

A trained secretary with considerable experience in office management, Mrs. Epding has been of invaluable help to the N.A.D. She was formerly office secretary for Philip D. Johnson, Director of Member Relations for the National Restaurant Association, and it was he who introduced her to the N.A.D.

Mrs. Epding will engage in promotional projects and in other ways assist with public relations activities. She has had training in this field and is a member of an association of office executives. She has shown great interest in the problems of the deaf. She has learned the manual alphabet and is getting started on the sign language.

The Home Office now has all the records of the Association, such as membership lists, correspondence files, and a complete set of past convention proceedings. The details essential to keeping up the fund campaign and membership records consume so much time and work that additional clerical help will be necessary in the very near future.

Mrs. Epding is in the Chicago Office five days a week, full-time.

The Yolles Memorial Fund

Last month this department announced the beginning of a fund in memory of our late N.A.D. First Vice President Lawrence N. Yolles, and listed voluntary contributions that had been received up to then.

All members of the N.A.D., all the deaf, and all friends and admirers of Larry Yolles, are invited to contribute to the fund. No better tribute could be paid to his memory than a contribution to the cause he served so faithfully.

Contributions received since the last report are listed below, making a total to date of well over \$600.

Ben Feld and Son, \$2.00.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Goldberg, \$1.50.
Mr. and Mrs. Blair Gutwillig, \$1.50.
Harry Hershoff, \$10.00.
Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Hershoff, \$2.00.
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill, \$2.50.
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kaiser, \$25.00.
Floyd J. Kops, \$10.00.
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mather, \$50.00.
Midwest Deaf Golfers Association, \$10.00.
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Nurick, \$10.00.
Robert Rockmaker, \$10.00.
Wilbur Sawhill, \$2.50.
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Mr. and Mrs. Ray Steger.
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Weil, \$10.00.
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weisfeldt, \$1.00.
West Side Bank, Milwaukee, \$25.00.
(H. C. Grams, v. p.)
Mrs. Mittie Williams, \$10.00.
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Zola, \$25.00.
Seymour M. Gross, \$100.00.
Caroline and Byron Burnes, \$10.00.

Kenner Appointed Vice Pres.

The Executive Board of the N.A.D. has announced the appointment of Marcus L. Kenner, of New York, to the office of First Vice President, filling the vacancy created by the death of Lawrence N. Yolles. Mr. Kenner will succeed to the presidency, should a vacancy occur in that office before the 1955 convention.

As a former president, and as a member of the Executive Board since 1940, Mr. Kenner is well qualified to preside over the N.A.D. should it become necessary. He has been in close contact with the officers of the Association for many years and he is well acquainted with the policies of the present administration. Mr. Kenner was first elected president at the New York convention in 1934 and served two terms, until the 1940 convention.

As First Vice President, Mr. Kenner does not assume the many duties performed by Mr. Yolles. He retains his chairmanship of the legislation committee, a post he has faithfully held for a number of years.

During the summer he will carry out an assignment such as has never before been undertaken by an official of the NAD. He will leave in July for a tour of Europe, along with a group of friends

from New York, and this will give him an opportunity to meet European deaf and size up the situation at the headquarters of the World Federation of the Deaf.

The appointment of Kenner to the vice presidency creates a vacancy on the Executive Board. Choice of a new Board Member will be made and announced as soon as possible.

Contributors During the Month of January, 1953

December 21 - January 20

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Barr, \$120.00.
Miss Margaret Crocker, \$10.00.
Fort Worth N.A.D. Night, \$35 in addition to \$30 previously contributed.
Fort Worth Silent Club, \$100 in addition to \$10 previously contributed.
Graceville, Florida, Deaf Club, \$2.20.
Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Graves, \$40 in addition to \$110 previously contributed.
Jacksonville, Fla., Assn. of the Deaf, \$3.35 in addition to \$3.10 previously contributed.
Mr. and Mrs. Albert J. Krohn, \$24.00.
Mr. and Mrs. Marcus H. Marks, \$30 (\$10 on \$100 pledge).
Michael F. Mitchell, \$10.
William C. Purdy, \$20.
Mrs. Bertha Rolph, \$12 in addition to \$13 previously contributed.
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stokes, \$10 in addition to \$110 previously contributed.
Tallahassee, Fla., F.A.D. Lodge, \$1.80 in addition to \$3.80 previously contributed.
Vernon Volz, \$10.

Letters...

Editor:

Mr. Richard McCabe of Utica, N. Y., in the recent issue of THE SILENT WORKER wishes to know why the Hartford people failed to rename Asylum Avenue to Gallaudet Avenue.

It is true that one street leading from Main Street in the business section to a junction on Asylum Hill and then extending through the residential section to West Hartford is still bearing the inappropriate name of Asylum Street and changes to Avenue, which runs through West Hartford. The length of this thoroughfare is about four miles.

Asylum Street and Avenue unfortunately took its name from the mistaken name that was given the school for the deaf when Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet was a leading spirit in founding it in 1817.

Periodically, proposals come before the Hartford Council asking that the name of Asylum Avenue be changed. The first movement was made in 1881 to change the name to Garfield Avenue in memory of the President who had just been assassinated. The second was in 1917 when the Convention of American Instructors of the Deaf and the National Association of the Deaf convening in Hartford for the centennial celebration of the American School for the Deaf endorsed a resolution to ask the Council to change the name in honor of Thomas H. Gallaudet. In 1935 an-

other movement was made to change the name to Hooker Avenue in memory of the leader of the founding fathers of Hartford. All these attempts failed.

In 1942 some residents asked the Council to change Asylum Avenue, which they said was obnoxious to themselves, to Roosevelt Avenue or MacArthur Drive. This drew protests from those who have lived in and loved Hartford for years and the Council rejected the proposal.

The Hartford people claimed that a name which everybody recognizes throughout the nation as pertaining to a particular city should be kept. One person wrote, "One letter, on which a party living in China wrote 'Asylum Street,' but unknowingly omitted the name of the town, arrived at its destination OK." Another wrote, "A citizen addressed a postal card to himself on Asylum Street and purposely left off the city and state. He mailed this in Philadelphia and without any delay it was delivered to him in Hartford." Another resident said that time and again he had given his address in other cities when buying some articles and the clerk would supply the name of Hartford, Conn., as soon as the purchaser had mentioned the word, "Asylum Street".

I believe that the question of renaming Asylum Street and Avenue will bob up once in so often as long as Hartford stands, and that the people will oppose the change as vigorously as ever. They want to leave it as it is, to commemorate the past—a fitting tribute to Thomas H. Gallaudet and his associates.

However, Hartford has a triangular piece of land at the junction of Farmington and Asylum Avenues named "Gallaudet Square". It is a stone's throw from the site of the original "American Asylum" which was torn down in 1919. On this Square a lovely and symbolic Gallaudet memorial will soon be erected—the unveiling will take place on April 18, 1953. The memorial portrays a pair of giant bronze hands supporting a young girl clasping a book. The hands form the sign of the deaf for "light." The whole memorial symbolizes the transmigration of the deaf from a life of intellectual blackout into the light of understanding.

WALTER G. DURIAN,
West Hartford, Conn.

(We have received a number of letters, addressed to THE SILENT WORKER and the N.A.D., expressing regret at the recent passing of N.A.D. Vice President Lawrence N. Yolles. These letters are appreciated and they are indicative of the widespread esteem in which Mr. Yolles was held among the deaf everywhere. Lacking space to publish all these letters, it has been decided, in fairness to everyone, to omit them all—Ed.)

The Answer Box

This department is conducted by Lawrence Newman, 713 No. Madison St., Rome, New York

Question for this month (contributed by Arah Miller Fritz):

What, to you, is the most beautiful thing in life?

There are so many beautiful things in life that this question cannot be readily answered. However, I consider



FRIENDSHIP the most important in this stage of my life. Now that my two sons have matured I can devote my time to club and fraternal activities.

We can lose the benefits or otherwise of television and sound movies, but we can never lose the spirit of friendship. To my way of thinking nothing can take the place of meeting people, entertaining in my home, and in turn being invited to spend pleasant evenings with friends.

The basic things are the real things which actually happen to people every day. If we lose the true spirit of friendship and the interest in what is happening to our neighbor we become morally and spiritually calloused.

AARON HURWIT,
New York City.

Your question is somewhat difficult to answer, but as a lover of nature I regard nature the most beautiful. Poets and composers cannot imitate nature in full measure. Even the reality and glory of nature cannot be captured completely by artists and painters. Just ponder how you feel when you watch the beautiful sunset at the western horizon. Nature is inspirational to man who is in despair, such as an oak tree withstanding a severe storm.

Nature provides man countless beautiful things to see, use, enjoy, and cherish. What would the earth be like without nature's providence and beauty?

DARWIN YOUNGREN,
Great Falls, Montana

There are beautiful things in various forms all around us. To choose just



very near the top.

one most beautiful thing in life is a difficult assignment. Still, a mother's love for her children which prompts her to make countless sacrifices with no thought of personal gain, to me, ranks

IVA M. BOGGS,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Life, like a diamond with its many shining facets, is the most beautiful thing of all:—the love of those dearest to us; the loyalty of old and true friends; the security of home in America; the interest we have in our daily work (at which we excel); the giving of our blood, time, talents and money to help others; the joy of creation with our own hands and minds and the ability to make the most of what we have; the appreciation and love of nature and the classics of art and literature; the ever-deepening faith in Our Heavenly Father; and, the firm belief that we are bigger and finer with our handicap than without it.

(MRS.) ARAH M. FRITZ,

To me, the most beautiful thing in life is the life we live. It can be a clean Christian life if we strive to make it so. It is wonderful to have the freedom to enjoy the world God created, and it will be even more wonderful to share a part of Heaven with Him.

JEFFERSON R. LAWSON, JR.,
Staunton, Virginia.

I think that security is the answer. Here are three points. First security physically; by having good health you can work and enjoy the pleasures of outdoor life, have hobbies, etc. Second: security financially; financially secure one of your biggest worries is taken care of. You will have a roof over your head, enough to wear and eat, advantages for your children. Third: security spiritually; if you feel secure in your faith that there is a God, He will take care of you here and in the hereafter.

MRS. ROBERT STOKES,
Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

A simple answer like that could bring in an assortment of answers depending on the background of the person involved. To me, as a parent, the most beautiful thing is to observe the changes in the development of a child through the various stages. All the things a child is expected to do during each step have been thoroughly analyzed by pediatricians and teachers but any new accomplishment is always a source of surprise to the parent and provides material for bragging. I am no exception.

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